

In a 5-2 decision issued with no opinion, the court set an Oct. 17, 2019 execution date for James Frazier.

Justice Paul Pfeifer issued a dissent in the case. He was joined by Justice Terrance O'Donnell.

"At this time, the state is incapable of properly executing the 25 people for whom execution dates have previously been set. It serves no rational purpose for this court to continue to set execution dates while significant logistical obstacles remain in place and more legal challenges are likely," Justice Pfeifer wrote.

In October, the state pushed its earliest execution date back to 2017 due to difficulty in obtaining the drugs used for the lethal injection procedure. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 20, 2015)

The state currently has 11 executions scheduled for 2017, eight scheduled for 2018 and six scheduled for 2019.

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced in the House that would end capital punishment in Ohio. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 27, 2015)

Web Site Updated: Continuing the effort of Chief Justice O'Connor to create a more informed electorate when it comes to the judiciary, judicialvotescount.org has been updated to provide voters with information about the candidates that will be on the ballot this year, the court reported.

A total of 145 judicial seats will be on the ballot this year, including three Ohio Supreme Court seats, 27 court of appeals seats and 115 common pleas court seats.

The web site provides biographical information on candidates and explanations on why they are running for a particular office, according to the court.

Ran by the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, the web site was created in the wake of 2014 survey that found many Ohio voters do not vote in judicial elections due to a lack of knowledge about the candidates, the court reported.

According to the chief justice, on average, about 25% of voters who go to the polls do not cast ballots for judicial candidates. In Cuyahoga County in 2012, she said, about 40% of voters neglected to vote for judicial candidates. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 11, 2016)

Other partners in the non-profit web site include Chief Justice O'Connor, the League of Women Voters of Ohio, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio Newspaper Association and the Ohio Association of Broadcasters.

Visiting Judge: Tenth District Court of Appeals Judge Elizabeth Schuster will hear oral arguments Tuesday in a lawyer malpractice case.

Judge Schuster will fill in for Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, who recused herself in the case of *Ratonel v. Roetzel & Andress*.

At issue in the case is whether a Dayton law firm can be used for malpractice for failing to pursue claims that were not in the written agreement but were discussed between the law firm and the client and whether it can be sued for malpractice if it pursues a legal claim sought by the client, but withdraws it and advises the client to seek other counsel to pursue the claim or represent themselves, according to the court.

The case stems from a malpractice lawsuit a California woman filed against another law firm after she claimed it caused her to lose \$1 million in a real estate transaction. The Dayton law firm was originally hired to represent her in that case.

Capitol Scene: Chabria To Leave Gov's Office, Join ORP; Staff Changes Announced At Buckeye Institute, AICUO, HPIO

Jai Chabria, a key executive staff member for Gov. John Kasich, is leaving the governor's office to work for the Ohio Republican Party.

Mr. Chabria has served as senior advisor to Mr. Kasich since he took office in 2011. That job entailed vetting Mr. Kasich's appointments, among other things.

"I am enormously grateful to Jai for his many years of friendship, counsel and outstanding public service to me and the people of Ohio," Mr. Kasich said in a statement. "While it is difficult to see Jai move on, I know that great things lie ahead for him in this next phase of his career. I look forward to our continued deep friendship."

Mr. Chabria's last day with the governor's staff is Friday. The Powell resident's job at ORP was described by the party as "a senior position that will oversee the preparation and planning for the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July."

"The world spotlight will be on Cleveland in July as our party nominates the next President of the United States. It's a tremendous and exciting opportunity for Ohio," ORP Chairman Matt Borges said. "Jai is a seasoned professional with top notch experience. We are pleased to have him join our team as we plan and prepare for the convention."

AICUO: Andrew Lampkins has joined the staff of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio as director of external relations, the group announced recently.

He previously served dual roles with the Center for Healthy Families as the director of outreach and engagement and with Lardon & Associates as a director of business development.

Mr. Lampkins' prior experience includes serving as the community & small business manager for Vermont Energy Investment Corporation. The Otterbein University graduate

will be responsible for AICUO's affiliate member program, inter-college collaborations, events and educational programming, and the expansion of the group's member energy conservation and sustainability initiative.

Buckeye Institute: Daniel J. Dew has joined the staff of the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions as a full-time Criminal Justice Fellow, the group announced.

A published author on criminal justice issues and a former Visiting Legal Fellow at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., Mr. Dew will focus on efforts to revise Ohio's criminal code and updating the state's civil asset forfeiture law, among other things, according to the institute.

"Daniel is a national expert on criminal law, and we are pleased to bring him on to expand Buckeye's capacity to formulate sound criminal justice policy for Ohio that can be easily replicated in other states," institute President and CEO Robert Alt said in a release.

HPIO Hire: Former state employee Rebecca Sustersic has been hired as a policy analyst with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, the group announced recently.

Reem Aly and Amy Bush Stevens have been promoted to vice president and Sarah Bollig Dorn has been promoted to manager, Health Policy and Education, the group said.

Ms. Sustersic was previously employed at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for three years, first as a health care policy analyst and more recently as manager of medical reimbursement and coding policy, according to HPIO. She holds degrees from Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University. Ms. Sustersic also served as a Legislative Service Commission fellow in 2009.

Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated

Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.

Subscribers interested in posting job openings on Gongwer's employment board can send job descriptions and other information to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Tuesday, February 23

Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room 1960, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 25

Ethics Commission, Rm. G, 3rd Fl., 30 E. Spring St., Columbus, 12 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Tuesday, February 23

Quinnipiac University to release poll of Ohio likely voters on presidential primary
Ohio senators, faith leaders, others
news conference on ending "pregnancy discrimination", Press Conf. Rm., Statehouse,
Columbus, 11 a.m.

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House Activity for Monday, February 22, 2016

INTRODUCED

HB 471 ■ **COMMISSION ELIMINATION** (Brown, T.) To formally abolish certain boards and commissions that have completed their work and to abolish the Compact with Ohio Cities Task Force.

HB 472 ■ **RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Strahorn, F.) To unfreeze the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction, to permit changes in and Public Utilities Commission action on electric distribution utility portfolio plans in 2016, to revise the setback requirement for economically significant wind farms, and to repeal the setback requirement for wind farms of fifty megawatts or more.

CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

SB 124 ■ **AWARENESS DAY/MONTH** (Thomas, C.) To designate May as "Asthma Awareness Month" and to designate May 5 as "Childhood Asthma Awareness Day."

HB 241 ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Grossman, C., Curtin, M.) To designate the month of September as "Hunger Action Month."

HB 290 ■ **TERMINAL PATIENTS** (Sprague, R., Anielski, M.) To permit a physician to treat a terminally ill patient with a drug that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and permit a drug manufacturer to provide such a drug to the patient or physician.

HB 305 ■ **RETIREMENT SYSTEMS** (Schuring, K.) To include new nonteaching employees of The University of Akron as members in the Public Employees Retirement System and to make an appropriation for the University's School Employees Retirement System employer surcharge payments.

HB 325 ■ **DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT** (Green, D., O'Brien, S.) Regarding encouraging pregnant women who are addicted to controlled substances to seek treatment.

HCR 21 ■ **DD EMPLOYMENT SERVICES** (Romanchuk, M., Antonio, N.) To urge the Congress of the United States to request that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services revise its guidance on employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities to maintain their right to participate in programs offered by facility-based day programs, training centers and sheltered workshops.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 294 ■ **ABORTION** (Patmon, B., Conditt, M.) To require the Department of Health to ensure that state funds and certain federal funds are not used either to perform or promote nontherapeutic abortions, or to contract or affiliate with any entity that performs or promotes nontherapeutic abortions; to provide for health departments and WIC clinics to determine presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and children; and to allocate existing funding within the Ohio Department of Health's budget to the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers for safe sleep, birth spacing, and smoking cessation initiatives.
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Signed: February 21, 2016
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Senate Activity for Monday, February 22, 2016


SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures: Appoint Sen. Yuko and Carla Hicks

Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board: Appoint Sen. Peterson to replace former Sen. Widener

Sunset Review Committee: Appoint Sen. Coley to replace former Sen. Widener

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SB 260 
(Enacted)

CAPITAL REAPPROPRIATIONS (Coley, B.) To make capital reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2018.
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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, February 23

Legislative Committees

House Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9 a.m.

- HB 455** **BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE** (Patterson, J., Roegner, K.) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 407** **BODY CAMERAS** (Boyce, K., Grossman, C.) To require law enforcement agencies that use body cameras to adopt written policies for operation of the cameras and to require agencies to make the adopted policies available to the public. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 361** **COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING** (Brenner, A.) To authorize boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners to expend funds for the public purpose of presenting community events in their parks and at other recreational facilities. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 375** **SNOW REMOVAL** (Brown, T., Arndt, S.) To authorize townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property and to impose a fine for failure to do so. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 333** **BIDDING THRESHOLDS** (Schaffer, T., Hambley, S.) To increase the monetary thresholds above which competitive bidding is required for township road construction, repair, or maintenance contracts, and to increase the monetary thresholds above which a force account assessment is required for a township road construction, repair, or maintenance project. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 378** **TRAFFIC ARRESTS** (Hambley, S., Rezabek, J.) To authorize law enforcement officers of township police districts and joint police districts, and township constables, serving specified small populations to make arrests for motor vehicle-related violations committed on an interstate highway in the same manner as township law enforcement officers serving larger populations. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 413** **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Brinkman, T.) To add to the purposes for which a board of township trustees may go into executive session, to permit a township to charge for recycling services, to reduce the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, to authorize a township to purchase, lease, or provide underwater rescue and recovery equipment for fire and rescue purposes, to authorize boards of township trustees to pay for group life insurance for any employee, to make other changes to the township laws, to allow taxing units to use the proceeds of a

fire, police, or emergency services tax levy to pay costs related to the service for which the tax is levied, and to expand the public infrastructure improvements townships, municipal corporations, and counties may pay for using money from their public improvement tax increment equivalent funds. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

HB 462

POLICE DISTRICT (Hagan, C., Sprague, R.) To establish a joint police district, to modify the membership of a joint police district governing body, to expand the offense of solicitation to also apply to a person who agrees with another to engage with the other person in sexual activity for hire, to provide that the "prescription exemption" from the drug possession offenses does not apply to a person who uses more of the drug than the maximum prescribed amount per day or the maximum amount to be used within the prescription timeline or who administers or takes the drug in a manner not prescribed by the prescribing health professional, and to provide immunity from civil liability to a peace officer who administers naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (**Chr. Peterson, B., 466-8156**), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

HB 9

TAX EXPENDITURES (Boose, T.) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 264

TAX HOLIDAY (Bacon, K.) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 233

REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (Schuring, K.) To authorize municipal corporations to create downtown redevelopment districts and innovation districts for the purposes of promoting the rehabilitation of historic buildings, creating jobs, encouraging economic development in commercial and mixed-use areas, and supporting grants and loans to technology-oriented and other businesses. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Transportation & Infrastructure (Committee Record) (**Chr. Boose, T., 466-9628**), Rm. 122, 9:30 a.m.

SB 182

ROAD NAMING (Balderson, T., Peterson, B.) To designate a portion of United States route twenty-three within Pickaway County as the "Army Specialist Gerald R. Jenkins Memorial Highway" and a portion of United States route sixty-two within Pickaway County as the "Army PFC Kevin C. Ott Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

HB 461

LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.) To establish the Cuyahoga Valley National Park license plate and to require a \$15 contribution for the issuance of the license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), South Hearing Rm., 10:30 a.m.

HB 207 WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M., McColley, R.) To allow a state fund employer to have a workers' compensation claim that is likely to be subrogated by a third party paid from the surplus fund account in the state insurance fund rather than charged to the employer's experience (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 273 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Bacon, K.) To enact the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 27 FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Patton, T.) To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.

Senate Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Seitz, B., 466-8068), North Hearing Rm., 11 a.m.

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Andre Porter, chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 11:30 a.m. or after session

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11:30 a.m.

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. McClain, J., 644-6265), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m. or after session

HB 334 TAX EXEMPTION (Buchy, J.) To exempt memberships to gyms or other recreational facilities operated by nonprofit organizations from sales and use taxation. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 297 TAX CREDIT (Hill, B.) To authorize a refundable income tax credit for current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility or acquire manure application equipment or manure handling and transportation equipment. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m.

HB 444 ALCOHOL SAMPLES (Blessing, L.) To allow certain D liquor permit holders to provide free tasting samples of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor to a person who is 21 years old or older and a paying customer of the permit holder. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 351 LIQUOR LAWS (Perales, R., DeVitis, T.) To increase the amount of spirituous liquor that an A-3a liquor permit holder may annually manufacture and to allow an A-3a permit holder to obtain an A-1-A liquor permit. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 278 **HUMANE SOCIETIES** (Hambley, S.) To require approval by the board of county commissioners, instead of the probate judge, of appointments of agents by county humane societies outside a municipal corporation, to specify that a county humane society is a political subdivision, to make its directors, agents, officers, and employees subject to the Ethics Law, and to increase the salaries paid to the agents. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), **Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.**

House Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), **Rm. 121, 2 p.m. or after session**

- **SB3 and ODE presentation removed from the agenda**

HB 441 **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** (McColley, R.) To permit a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at a school district that is not the student's resident district under certain circumstances and to prohibit a student who participates in the College Credit Plus program from being denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics solely due to participation in the program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 383 **FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Hagan, C., McColley, R.) To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act." (2nd Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 401 **PRIVATE SCHOOLS** (Brinkman, T.) With regard to requirements for chartered nonpublic schools. (3rd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 410 **TRUANCY** (Rezabek, J., Hayes, B.) With regard to habitual and chronic truancy and compulsory school attendance. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), **North Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session**

SB 257 **REAL PROPERTY** (Seitz, B., Skindell, M.) To create a presumption of validity of recorded real property instruments, reduce the time period for curing certain defects related to those instruments, and provide constructive notice for those instruments. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 359 **ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY** (Duffey, M., Gonzales, A.) To create an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 158 **DISABILITY TERMS** (Dever, J., Howse, S.) To change the variations of the term "mentally retarded" to "person with an intellectual disability." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 242** **DAY DESIGNATION** (Hagan, C., Dever, J.) To designate the fourth Sunday of July as Blue Star Mothers Day. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
House Judiciary (Committee Record) (**Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008**), Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.
- HB 347** **CIVIL FORFEITURES** (McColley, R., Brinkman, T.) To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures. (7th Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 215** **VEHICLE FORCIBLE ENTRY** (Hughes, J., LaRose, F.) To grant a person immunity from civil liability for any damage resulting from the forcible entry of a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing a minor or an animal from the vehicle because the minor or the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 446** **OVI OFFENSES** (Manning, N.) To specify that the prison term that may be imposed for a third degree felony operating a vehicle while intoxicated ("OVI") offense is a definite period of twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, thirty-six, forty-two, forty-eight, fifty-four, or sixty months, to add "harmful intoxicant" to the definition of "drug of abuse" for the purposes of commercial driver's licensing law, to allow a person to assert the existing affirmative defense of driving in an emergency with regard to a prosecution for driving under a suspended driver's license under specified laws, and to specify that certain enhanced penalties for speeding violations apply regardless of whether the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to speeding. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- HB 451** **PROTECTION ORDERS** (Boose, T.) To provide that an individual's statutory priority to decide whether or not to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment for the individual's relative is forfeited if the individual is the subject of a temporary protection order or civil protection order and the relative is the alleged victim or if the individual and the relative are married and the parties to a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment proceeding. (2nd Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- HB 439** **VOYEURISM** (Anielski, M.) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 432** **ESTATE LAW** (Rezabek, J.) To revise the law governing decedent's estates by making changes in the Ohio Trust Code, the Probate Law, the Uniform Principal and Income Act, the Transfers to Minors Act, and the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 436** **DUI SENTENCES** (Cupp, R., Rogers, J.) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the termination of the mandatory immobilization order. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 222** **TRANSIT WORKER ASSAULTS** (Driehaus, D., Perales, R.) To increase the penalty for assault when the victim is an employee of an Ohio transit

system whom the offender knows or has reasonable cause to know is such an employee engaged in the performance of the victim's duties; to permit the court to impose a fine of up to \$5000 and a six-month or lifetime prohibition from riding an Ohio transit system for assault committed in such specified circumstances; to authorize Ohio transit systems to post a warning sign indicating that abuse or assault of staff will not be tolerated and might result in a felony conviction; and to increase the penalty for evading payment of the known fares of a public transportation system. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 363

JUVENILE HEARINGS (Reece, A.) To require restraints to be removed from an alleged or adjudicated delinquent child prior to the commencement of a juvenile court hearing or proceeding unless the court determines that the use of restraints is necessary to prevent physical harm to the child or another person or to prevent the child from escaping. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m.

HB 173

VETERAN IDENTIFICATION (Anielski, M., Terhar, L.) To authorize county recorders to issue Ohio veterans identification cards. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

HB 295

LICENSE PLATE (Ruhl, M.) To create the "Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal" license plate. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 104

LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY (DeVitis, T.) To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a license plate on the front and rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense, to establish a maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense, and to amend the version of section 4503.21 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date. (3rd Hearing-Possible vote)

HB 388

OVI OFFENSES (Scherer, G.) To authorize a court to grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device to first-time OVI offenders, to expand the penalties related to ignition interlock device violations, to modify the law governing the installation and monitoring of ignition interlock devices, to extend the look back period for OVI and OVI-related offenses from six to ten years, and to modify the penalties for OVI offenses. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Sunset Review Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), South Hearing Rm., 3:30 p.m.

- **Agency reports from Reclamation Commission, Reclamation Forfeiture Fund Advisory Board, Board of Cosmetology, Optical Dispensers Board, Child Care Advisory Council, Child Support Guideline Advisory Council, Children's Trust Fund Board, Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, State Victims Assistance Advisory Committee, Ohio Expositions Commission, Data Collection and Analysis Group, Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board, Help Me Grow Advisory Council, Hospital Measures Advisory Council, Infant Hearing Screening Subcommittee, Infection Control Group, Intergovernmental Council**

and Advisory Panel of the Lupus Educational and Awareness Program, Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures, Maternity and Newborn Advisory Council, Medically Handicapped Children's Medical Advisory Council, Physician Loan Repayment Advisory Board, Radiation Advisory Council, The Director of Health's Advisory Group on Violent Deaths, The Director of Health's Committee on Concussions and Head Injuries Sustained by Athletes, Council to Advise on the Establishment and Implementation of the Birth Defects Information System and Ohio Medical Quality Foundation

Agency Calendar

Board of Landscape Architects, 77 S. High St., 31st Flr. Board Room, Columbus, 9 a.m.

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation Office, 100 S. High St., Hillsboro, 9:30 a.m. (Agriculture Development Subcommittee)

Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room 1960, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation Office, 100 S. High St., Hillsboro, 11:30 a.m. (Educational Subcommittee)

Public Facilities Commission, 35th Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 4 p.m.

Event Planner

Nevada Republican caucuses

Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' (OFSWCD) 73rd annual conservation partnership conference, Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Columbus
Quinnipiac University to release poll of Ohio likely voters on presidential primary
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber Legislative Breakfast Reception, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Ohio senators, faith leaders, others news conference on ending "pregnancy discrimination", Press Conf. Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Rep. John Bocchieri (D-Poland) fundraiser, The Chintz Room, 121 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000, \$500, \$250 to John Bocchieri for Ohio Committee)

Ohio Council of Retail Merchants annual legislative reception, The Lounge at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Tally Ho Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Event Host \$1,000, Event Sponsor \$500, Individual \$350 to Citizens for Lehner)

Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, The Gold Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Event Host \$1,000, Event Sponsor \$500, Individual Attendee: \$350 to LaRose for Senate)

Rep. Stephen Slesnick (D-Canton) fundraiser, The Chintz Room, 121 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000, \$500, \$250 to Committee to Elect Stephen Slesnick)

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) and Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Butler for Ohio and/or Seitz for Senate Committee)

Conservative Energy Day Reception, Statehouse Museum Gallery, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (RSVP to Mike Hartley at mike@swingstatestrategies.com)

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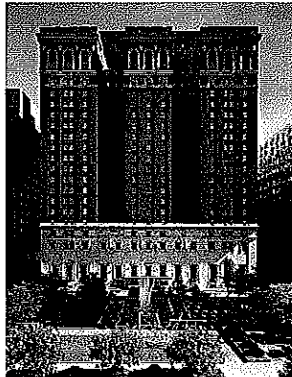
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Days until the 2016 election: 253...



Ted Cruz, A Personal Look At A Humble Man

Having had the opportunity to meet most of the Republican candidates and look them in the eyes, I can tell you that Ted Cruz is the best candidate to uphold the Constitution and put the interests of the American people first.

I first met Ted in 2010 at an American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) conference, which is a conference for state legislators that was being held in Washington, DC. He was there to speak on a panel about the Health Care Compact, a project of interstate compacts that would effectively transfer the regulatory

authority for health care from the federal government back to the states. My boss at the time was also speaking on the panel, which led to our meeting.

After the panel discussion, a group of us decided to eat breakfast in the hotel lobby. Ted and I ended up sitting down at the table first. We shared a five-minute conversation before the rest of our group joined us and in that time we spoke casually, introducing ourselves and talking about why we were there. This was my first impression of him and he was extremely humble and somewhat soft spoken. It is something that has stuck over the years.

...But Hayek warned about what we are seeing right now in his book, *The Road to Serfdom*. Its premise was that, over time, free governments became so dysfunctional that the masses were open to the words of a "strongman" who would return order. The catch in this Faustian bargain was that freedom would be lost in the process. One hundred years earlier, Edward Gibbon wrote of the same as he recounted how the Athenians gave up freedom in exchange for security — and lost both.

Maybe I am wrong on all this, and Trump is simply a disruptive force in politics that will generate change much like new technology does ~~2~~ 0 but maybe not. History would suggest we are playing with fire and need to step away from the entertainment found in the Republican primaries and think about what's really at play. It's worth a thought.

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/02/25/ted-cruz-a-personal-look-at-a-humble-man/#ixzz41KSeWCuk>

Inside the Republican Party's Desperate Mission to Stop Donald Trump

In public, there were calls for the party to unite behind a single candidate. In dozens of interviews, elected officials, political strategists and donors described a frantic, last-ditch campaign to block Mr. Trump = 2 and the agonizing reasons that many of them have become convinced it will fail. Behind the scenes, a desperate mission to save the party sputtered and stalled at every turn.

Efforts to unite warring candidates behind one failed spectacularly: An overture from Senator Marco Rubio to Mr. Christie angered and insulted the governor. An unsubtle appeal from Mitt Romney to John Kasich, about the party's need to consolidate behind one rival to Mr. Trump, fell on deaf ears.

At least two campaigns have drafted plans to overtake Mr. Trump in a brokered convention, and the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has laid out a plan that would have lawmakers break with Mr. Trump explicitly in a general election.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/28/us/politics/donald-trump-republican-party.html?ref=politics&r=1&smid=tw-nytpolitics&smtyp=cur>

Wow...finally the truth...but at what cost???

Ted Cruz isn't running a dirty campaign, but that perception just cost a staffer his job.

Ted Cruz is not running a dirty campaign, despite what Donald Trump and Marco Rubio would argue. But that idea just cost Cruz's spokesman, Rick Tyler, his job.

His campaign's clumsy effort to translate Ben Carson's post-Iowa travel into a Carson concession was unfair, but it likely didn't make

much difference and can probably be chalked up to zealousness as much as anything. That "you haven't voted" flyer in Iowa was poorly received, but it was based in sound political research -- and was only sent to a few thousand people who probably wouldn't have voted anyway. Cruz's ads against Trump, quoting Trump's past positions as stated by Trump himself, are fair game, despite Trump's threats to sue. There were late robocalls in South Carolina hammering Donald Trump for being liberal, but those were from a PAC, not the campaign itself. Reports of "push polls" and other gauzy nonsense appear to be unfounded.

But that we have to list all of these things proves the point: Cruz has a perception problem, for two reasons.

First, his opponents are more than willing to make a big deal out of these not-very-big issues because it serves their own political goals to do so. Trump plays them up because he wants people to think that maybe he won Iowa, which he didn't. Carson plays them up because he wants people to think that he's actually a good candidate, which he isn't.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/02/22/ted-cruz-isnt-running-a-dirty-campaign-but-that-perception-just-cost-a-staffer-his-job/>

Trump Is More Vulnerable Than You Think

Most in the national news media are talking about how Donald Trump is now the clear Republican frontrunner and will be nearly impossible to stop. They are only partially right.

Trump, who won South Carolina (and all of its delegates) with a little under one-third of the vote, certainly is the front-runner. He has won two of the first three contests and has a clear lead in delegates. He should do well on March 1, when many Southern states hold their primaries and more than 600 delegates are at stake. By definition, that makes him the front-runner.

But the Palmetto State primary results, combined with recent national polls, suggest that Trump remains a tentative front-runner, not some kind of unstoppable favorite.

... Those who believe that Trump is unstoppable frequently note that no Republican who has won both New Hampshire and South Carolina has been denied the GOP's nomination.

That's true, but I believe that we have already established that the old "rules" do not apply, so I am not sure why anyone should regard two primary victories this year as an iron law of Republican politics.

<http://blogs.rollcall.com/rothenblog/trump-remains-tentative-front-runner/?dcz>

The Republican Contest and Preferential Voting

After Ted Cruz's Iowa victory, Donald Trump should be congratulated for winning three straight contests in New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada, but the fact is that a large majority of voters voted for somebody else. In fact, it's a good bet that he would have lost head-to-head in at South Carolina and perhaps New Hampshire.

Trump is not running against just one candidate, of course, and he's playing by our current rules of the game. But a recent analysis of 16 surveys over the past three months with head-to-head comparisons show how different the race would be going if Trump had faced only Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio -- or if we had used preferential voting in our primaries.

Trump wins the head-to-head contest against both Rubio and Cruz in just four of the 16 polls, yet has a lead of at least 10% in the "against all candidates" question in 11 of these polls. He trails head-to-head in five of the six national polls, and both Rubio and Clinton close the gap between the plurality vote and the head-to-head in every poll. You can see this graphically in a College of William and Mary / FairVote national YouGov survey of 1,000 Republican and independents likely voters- see the full report and a useful interactive feature where you can run a preferential voting tally round-by-round and see the impact of eliminating any candidates you want to.

Trump's success may depend less on the voters than on whether the opposition rallies around just one candidate. But with preferential voting, candidates wouldn't have to drop out to get a fair outcome. Voters instead would have their vote count for second choice if their first choice doesn't have enough votes to win delegates, and we could have matched the frontrunner against their strongest opponent head-to-head in every state. The College of William and Mary poll shows a solid majority of Republican primary voters like the idea - -and so do I.

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Getting the property back can be long, costly, and maybe impossible, even if no criminal charges are ever filed. Depending on the amount seized and the person's situation, the time and cost involved may not justify the effort.

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This student was ashamed of her Republican father, until he said this

A daughter's lesson...

A young woman was about to finish her first year of college. Like so many others her age, she considered herself to be a very liberal Democrat, and was very much in favor of the redistribution of wealth.

She was deeply ashamed that her father was a rather staunch Republican, a feeling she openly expressed. Based on the lectures that she had participated in, and the occasional chat with a professor, she felt that her father had for years harbored an evil, selfish desire to keep what he thought should be his.

One day she was challenging her father on his opposition to higher taxes on the rich and the addition of more government welfare programs. The self-professed objectivity proclaimed by her professors had to be the truth and she indicated so to her father. He responded by asking how she was doing in school.

Taken aback, she answered rather haughtily that she had a 4.0 GPA, and let him know that it was tough to maintain, insisting that she was taking a very difficult course load and was constantly studying, which left her no time to go out and party like other people she knew. She didn't even have time for a boyfriend, and didn't really have many college friends because she spent all her time studying.

Her father listened and then asked, "How is your friend Audrey doing?" She replied, "Audrey is barely getting by. All she takes are easy classes, she never studies, and she barely has a 2.0 GPA. She is so popular on campus; college for her is a blast. She's always invited to all the parties, and lots of times she doesn't even show up for classes because she's too hung over."

Her wise father asked his daughter, "Why don't you go to the Dean's office and ask him to deduct a 1.0 off your GPA and give it to your friend who only has a 2.0. That way you will both have a 3.0 GPA and certainly that would be a fair and equal distribution of GPA."

The daughter, visibly shocked by her father's suggestion, angrily fired back, "That wouldn't be fair! I have worked really hard for my grades! I've invested a lot of time, and a lot of hard work! Audrey has done next to nothing toward her degree. She played while I worked my tail off!"

The father slowly smiled, winked and said gently, "Welcome to the Republican party."

It's as simple as that.



**His wife of 21 years made him take another woman to dinner.
This is priceless.**

After 21 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, "I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you."

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who had been a widow for 19 years, but the demands of my work and my 3 children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally.

That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie.

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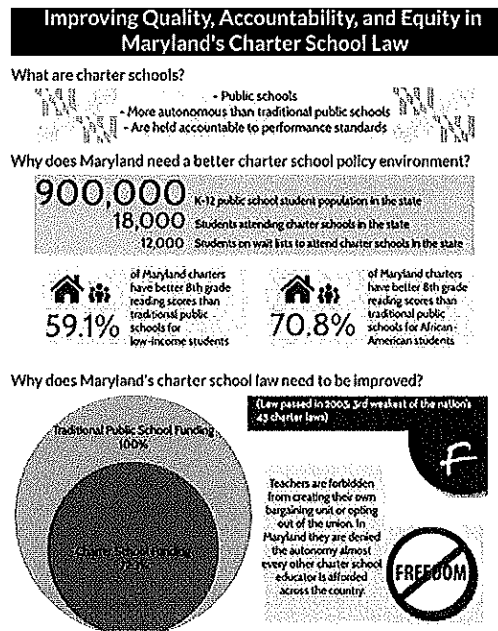
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ESTABLISHMENT NEVER GIVES

UP. Baltimore charter schools battling for equity were met with tired tactics from the local BLOB, with the filing of a (drumroll...) countersuit that threatens a speedy and much-needed resolution to their case, critically underscoring the importance of passing crucial new legislation on independent authorizers.

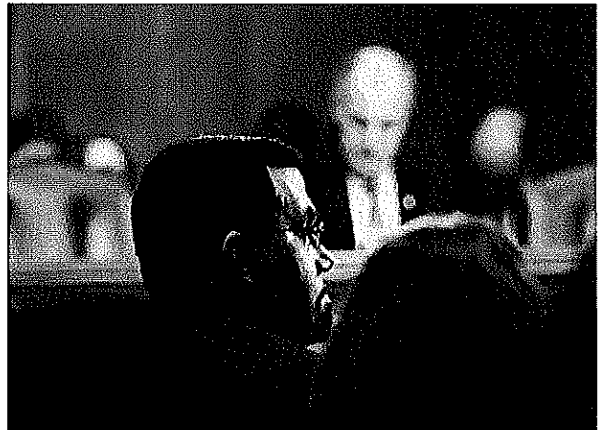


SURVEY SAYS... Thoughts from the parents of 1,000,000 children sitting on charter school waitlists around the nation were apparently omitted from the results of a new poll that looks to "reign in" (yes, like horses) the schools. No surprise here—the poll, conducted by two AFT affiliates (see: 'status quo'), disproportionately condemned charters, relying on just a handful of incidents of fraud in schools.

OPPONENTS OUT IN FORCE... The same group with the bogus poll has been busy trying to fight reforms that help kids, with a report out on state takeovers alleging Louisiana's Recovery School District caused students and communities harm. However, the reality is quite the opposite, with graduation rates rising by nearly 20 percentage points. Thankfully, these "reports" are usually always recognized by the media as biased, but that begs the question of why they're even getting ink in the first place...

SUB-STANDARD RESEARCH. Education professors' comparison of charter schools to subprime mortgages is wildly inaccurate and wildly subpar. Here's why.

KING'S OPPORTUNITY. Choice champion and SC US Senator Tim Scott questioned Education Secretary nominee John King about expanding DC's Opportunity Scholarship Program, which has been helping very low-income children in the nation's capital for over a decade, as DC children and parents watched on during his hearing last week.



"For us not to take a look at this would be a shame," Scott said to King. We've got the video here. The committee will next consider King's nomination on March 9.

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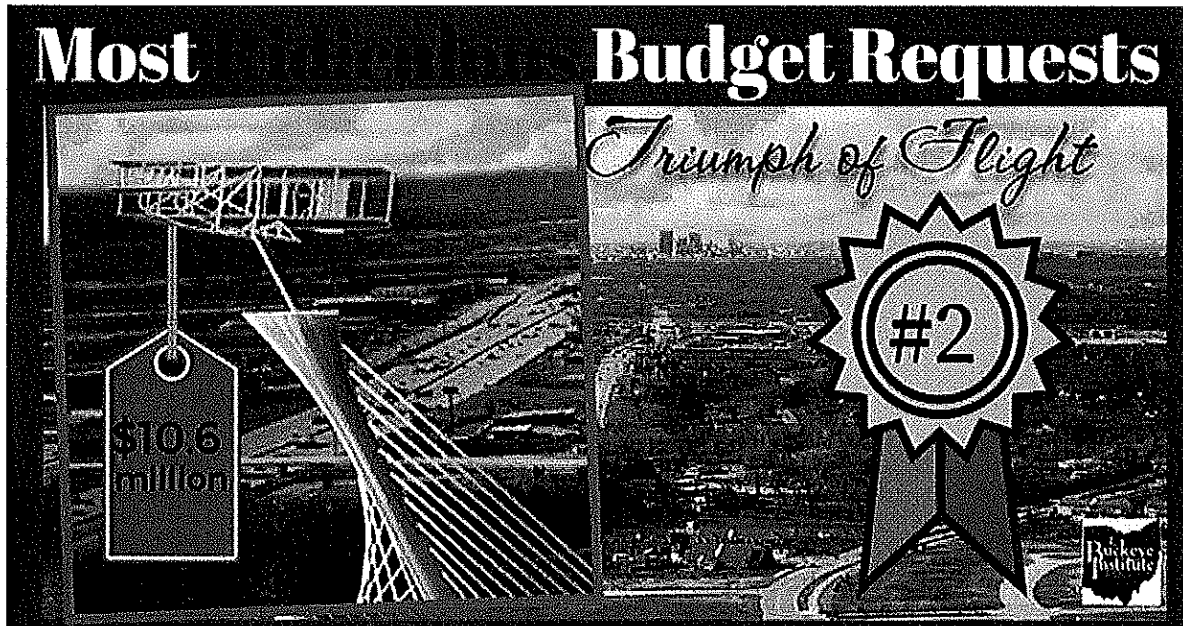
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We noted that the Rock Hall has received more than \$125 Million in tax money from state and local governments since it opened in 1995. It is time for this rock legend to end its addiction to taxpayer money cold turkey.

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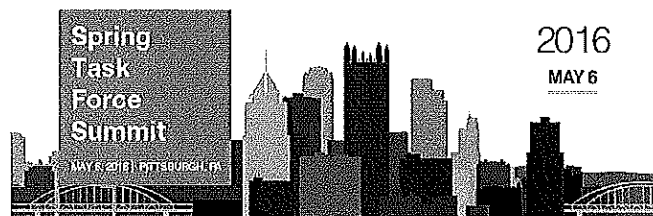
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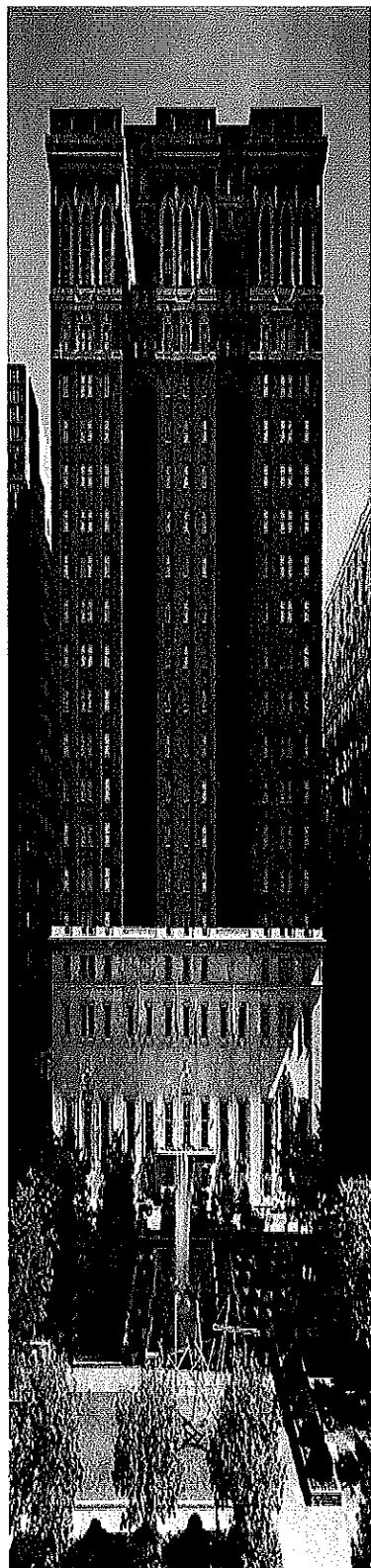
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recognized the superiority of a law which has a highly independent authorizer that is not micromanaged by state and local education agencies (though they try), provides for a high number of charters to open, funds its

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DC has the strongest charter school law in the country largely due to their strong, independent authorizer, the DC Public Charter School Board (DPCSB). The DPCSB holds charters to stringent performance targets and accountability policies, which is able to do because of its autonomy. Despite the law, which says charters should receive nearly identical funding as their district peers, a recent lawsuit asserts that the district has shortchanged charters by millions for years. Charters also receive some per-pupil facilities funding, but it has been of little finding suitable space and funding is still not equitable.

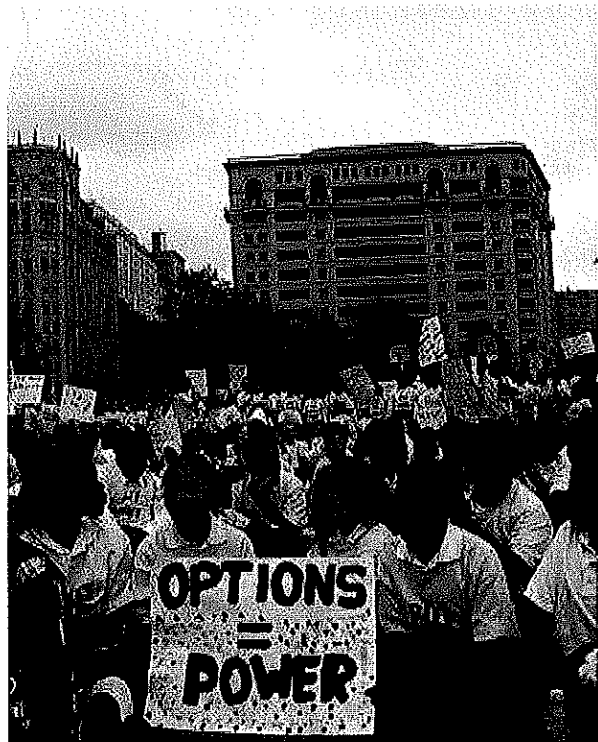
| INDEPENDENT OR MULTIPLE AUTHORIZERS - YES | |
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| APPROVAL | The DC Public Charter School Board (DPCSB) is an independent board, and the DC Board of Education are legally permitted to authorize. However, the DC Board relying on its authority in 2009, and the DPCSB assumed authority over their charter schools. The DC City Council may designate additional authorizers by enactment of a law, but has not done so yet. Some believe a little competition from additional authorizers, the universities would guarantee DC's growth for years to come. |
| APPEAL | None. |
| OPERATIONAL AUTONOMY | |
| STATE | Yes. There is a blanket waiver from all public school rules and regulations. OSSE, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education and the DPCSB continue to impose additional paperwork and compliance requirements on schools, which has begun to compromise the charter's autonomy. Virtual schools are permitted. Law does not restrict management contracts with ESPs, however the charter application requires additional information about the ESP including past performance data, management success, financial capacity for growth, etc. The DPCSB reviews any contract between a school and ESP over \$25,000. |
| LOCAL | Yes. Charters have control over most of their operations, including budgeting, operations and personnel. Charter schools are considered their own local education agency (LEA) except regarding special education where they can choose to be part of the district LEA. |
| TEACHER FREEDOM | Yes. Teachers may negotiate as a separate unit, or work independently. Employees transferring from a district school to a charter school are able to stay in the retirement system, if they choose. All other charter employees are not eligible. |
| NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ALLOWED | |
| CAP | Yes. Up to 30 charter schools per year may be authorized, unless charters roll over as the following year. |

schools at over 95% plus facilities support, and as a result has transformed a city. This should be the model 0

While DC has a charter board, it is not a commission in the vein that other states are pondering. Speaking of which...

KENTUCKY & CHARTERS. Kentucky moves a step closer to having charter schools with lawmakers in both the House and Senate submitting bills. Legislation filed allows for a charter pilot program with only two schools allowed per year in two counties, Jefferson and Fayette. It also creates a charter school commission to approve and oversee schools. The Bluegrass State has tried for a charter law numerous times, so while it is good news that Kentucky is this much closer to charter schools, putting a law in place that mimics some of the nation's best charter school laws would have the potential to do more for more children.

MAKING SCHOLARSHIPS AS IMPACTFUL AS CHARTERS. The DC Opportunity Scholarship Program has been helping very low-income students for over a decade, with outstanding results. So why wouldn't John B. King, Jr., Education Secretary nominee, be in support of using \$35 million in carry-over funds to help 4,000 more students access an education that will set them up for success? That's what Senator Tim Scott pondered at King's hearing two weeks ago. King's second hearing



regarding his Education Secretary nomination takes place tomorrow, March 9.

UNION'S MISPLACED AGENDA. Hillary Clinton, backed by both the AFT and NEA, danced around Anderson Cooper's question during Sunday's Democratic debate about whether unions protect bad teachers. She said "a lot of people have been blaming and scapegoating teachers because they don't want to put money into the school system." When you take away the spin from the status quo however, 67 percent of teachers are interested in workforce reforms according to AAE's latest survey. Union endorsements explain Hil's backflip on charter schools, which she alternatively supported in 1998, saying charter schools were a good way of "bringing teachers, parents and communities together." One of the union's latest misguided attacks on charter schools is in Michigan, where AFT President Randi Weingarten is blaming the alternative public schools for Detroit's financial and academic woes.

At SXSW? Is innovation, freedom, flexibility and opportunity at the heart of the hundreds of panels and discussions going on? If not, now's your chance to redirect the SXSW agenda to capture the critical intersection of ed tech in ed reform. Without looser school boundaries and rules, education innovation cannot thrive. Without consumer choice, there's ultimately no buy-in. To read up on or refresh your mind on what it's all about, read Ted Kolderie's book *The Split Screen Strategy: How to Turn Education Into a Self-Improving System*.

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March 9, 2016

The Buckeye Institute's Policy Ideas Incorporated into New Healthcare Access Bills Proposed legislation would cut red tape for volunteer and mobile medical care in Ohio

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute's longtime advocacy of expanding healthcare access and charity care--especially in low-income and underserved areas of Ohio--has found expression in two bills introduced to Ohio's General Assembly in the past 24 hours.

These two companion bills reflect the policy ideas outlined in The Buckeye Institute's report, [Expanding Access to Healthcare in Ohio](#), which was released in November.

"Eliminating red tape and expanding the ability of charities to offer healthcare to low-income and underserved areas is an important step toward narrowing the gap between demand and supply in Ohio," says Rea Hederman, Jr., executive vice president and director of the Economic Research Center at The Buckeye Institute.

The two bills were introduced respectively in the Ohio House and Senate by Rep. Robert Sprague, R-Findlay, and Sen. Peggy Lehner, R-Kettering. If passed, these bills will:

- Allow volunteer and charity care to count as continuing education credits for physicians, nurses, dentists, and many other licensed healthcare providers.
- Provide limited legal immunity to licensed, out-of-state healthcare professionals who come to Ohio and provide volunteer medical care for short periods of time.
- Expand free clinics and other charity care providers' ability to operate mobile care centers to bring healthcare to areas with chronic provider shortages.



Lehner

Sen. Peggy Lehner, vice chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee: "This is an opportunity to empower healthcare professionals in Ohio to help those who need care most desperately. The state of Ohio would save millions by allowing our healthcare professionals to volunteer their services without fear of civil liability."



Sprague

Rep. Robert Sprague, a member of the House Health and Aging Committee: "This legislation will help Ohioans in underserved communities have increased access to healthcare services. This bill strengthens Ohio's volunteer care system. It will enable our medical professionals to offer their time and talents, while granting liability protections and allowing them to earn continuing education hours."



Miller

Deborah Miller, executive director of the Ohio Association of Free Clinics: "As volunteer driven healthcare organizations, free clinics across Ohio will benefit greatly from this proposed legislation. Volunteer physicians, nurses and medical professionals will now have, not only the increased protection from liability, but also the ability to earn educational credit while meeting the needs of Ohio's underserved."

Expanding Access to Healthcare in Ohio Report

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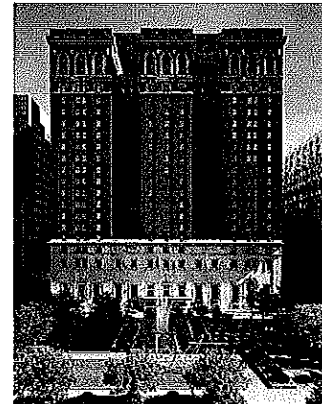
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2016 STFS Agenda

2016 is an exciting time to be at ALEC and to be a part of the public policy process. The Spring Task Force Summit will be a jam-packed one-day meeting full of policy discussion and exchange.

Want to see what we have planned for STFS 2016? Please check out the online agenda on our meetings website!

Have questions or need assistance?
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Hotel Information

This year's Spring Task Force Summit will take place at the historic Omni William Penn in the mighty, beautiful city of Pittsburgh, PA. This beautiful hotel, built in 1916, will play a central role at STFS 2016 as it has for years in the city of Pittsburgh.

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March 14, 2015

JANUARY JOBS NUMBERS INDICATE STRONG START FOR 2016

Ohio's economic progress looks even better with Buckeye's redesigned jobs report!

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute is pleased to roll out our newly redesigned

Ohio Jobs Tracker (formerly known as our *Ohio by the Numbers report*) along with today's release of January state jobs numbers from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. This monthly labor market report charts 5 core economic indicators and also highlights a different aspect of the Ohio economy each month.

Click here to view the newly designed *Ohio Jobs Tracker report for January 2016*

Ohio's economy enjoyed a strong start to 2016. The private sector added 7,700 jobs in January, and the labor force participation rate increased for the fourth month in a row. However, jobs numbers for the mining and logging sector were revised downward significantly. The updated data show that mining and logging employment has fallen nearly 20% in the last year as low oil and gas prices and a weak coal market have forced many companies to cut jobs. This turmoil is a devastating blow to the communities and families who depend on that sector.

Key data points:

- **Unemployment rate.** The jobless rate rose to 4.9% in January, up from 4.8% a month earlier but down from 5.1% a year earlier.
- **Labor force participation rate.** The percentage of working-age Ohioans who have a job or are looking for work rose to 62.6% in January, up from 62.3% a month earlier.
- **Total jobs.** Ohio added 100 total jobs compared to the previous month (seasonally adjusted) and 80,800 jobs from a year earlier.
- **Private jobs.** Ohio added 7,700 private sector jobs from the previous month and 79,000 jobs from a year earlier.
- **Labor force.** The total number of Ohioans who have a job or are unemployed and looking for work rose by 28,000 in January to 5,722,000.

Major employment changes by sector during January:

Winners

- **Real estate and rental and leasing.** The industry added 1,400 jobs, up 2.2%.
- **Information.** The sector gained 1,600 jobs, a 1.4% increase.

Losers

- **Mining and logging.** The industry saw a 1.6% drop.
- **Federal government.** This sector employed 900 fewer people, a loss of 1.2% of its workforce.

Ohio Jobs Tracker

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Major publications worldwide have been reaching out to The Buckeye Institute for our insights on Ohio's slow-but-steady move toward lower taxes and freer markets.

The Buckeye Institute was the go-to free market source for reporters from the New York Times to the Wall Street Journal last week as they evaluated competing claims about Ohio's economic policies in recent years. We helped explain the situation and provide objective analysis.



The New York Times

"By Ohio standards, Governor Kasich has a good economic record. The key phrase is 'by Ohio standards.'"

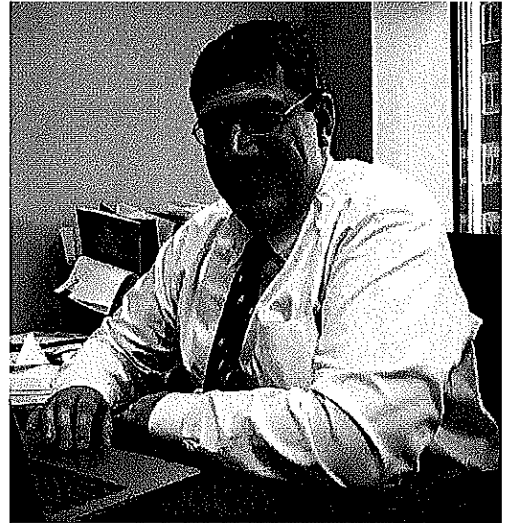
-- Rea S. Hederman, Jr., Executive Vice
President, The Buckeye Institute

The Buckeye Institute doesn't do politics, as you know. But we do speak the objective, non-partisan truth about economic policies--regardless of the political winds.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

"The Buckeye Institute has openly opposed several of Mr. Kasich's policy choices, including his ill-advised ObamaCare Medicaid expansion. But when it came time to tighten the Columbus money valve and return responsibility to local leaders, Gov. Kasich made the right call and deserves far more credit than he's received."

-- Greg R. Lawson, Policy
Analyst, The Buckeye Institute



As you may have already seen, last week we also rolled out a new monthly employment report, Ohio Jobs Tracker. That well-timed publication helped explain Ohio's strong new employment numbers - 12,400 new jobs created in February - and put our economic policy experts back in the news once again, in print publications and on the radio.

If you haven't yet followed The Buckeye Institute on social media, please do check out our Twitter and Facebook where we post even more instant updates and other fun content.

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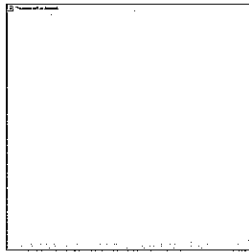
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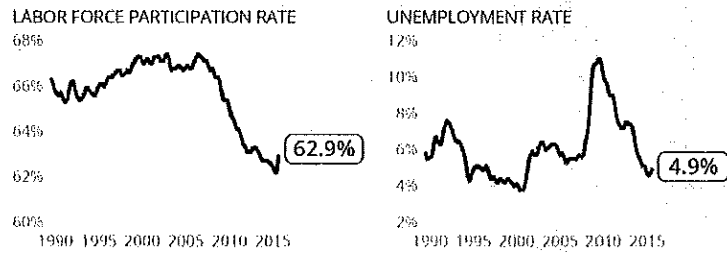
March 24, 2015

A Miraculous Month for the Ohio Labor Force **Labor force participation rate sees biggest monthly jump in more than 26 years**

COLUMBUS, OHIO--Call it an Easter Miracle (alternately, feel free to substitute your own personally preferred religious metaphor if necessary) or call it an indication that there is still hope for jobs in the Buckeye state, but the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will be releasing some heartening news tomorrow. Emily Dickinson would approve.

The Buckeye Institute's *Ohio Jobs Tracker* database goes back more than 26 years. For each and every month since January 1990, The Buckeye Institute has steadfastly compiled and analyzed labor reports and data released by the BLS. But never during these past 26 years has the labor force participation rate in Ohio increased as much as it did this February.

Ohio Unemployment: February 2016



THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

"The February 2016 jobs report offers record-setting news for Ohio as thousands of people entered the labor force and found jobs," said Rea S. Hederman, Jr., Executive Vice President of The Buckeye Institute.

Ohio Jobs Tracker

The unemployment rate didn't change--despite an increase of 6,000 more unemployed people--providing an even more powerful signal of improving economic health in Ohio.

Despite the exceedingly positive news, there is still room for improvement in the Ohio economy--as our Stat of the Month indicates: those Ohioans who are unemployed are still typically out of a job for approximately one month longer than they would have been before the recession.

As a tribute to the excellent labor force participation increase, we commend to your attention the sweet sentiment of Emily Dickinson:

*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul*

*And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all*

*And sweetest in the Gale is heard
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm*

*I've heard it in the chilliest land
And on the strangest Sea
Yet never in Extremity
It asked a crumb of me.*

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Buckeye Institute Press Advisory

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The Buckeye Institute's President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Alt will be available in a press briefing conference call today at 2:30 p.m. discussing the U.S. Supreme Court's 4-4 decision in the Friedrichs case on whether public employees can be forced to join labor unions.

Alt, a constitutional scholar and attorney, has written extensively on the case in national legal publications. The Buckeye Institute filed an amicus brief arguing that workers should not be forced to join unions as a condition of their employment.

He will take questions from reporters about the case, and will provide a summary of the case for your background as well.

The press briefing conference call can be accessed at the following number: (712) 432-0375

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Why, in America, when we have freedom of choice and not a day goes by that we as a nation are working to expand it to those who are denied, do we deny it to teachers to make their own decisions about how and under what conditions they should do their important work?

Great education is about great educators, and great educators need freedom. Great and courageous teachers like Rebecca Friedrichs have already exposed the public to the issue of union collective bargaining power in education, and when they come back to fight to make workplace freedom a reality, we will be ready to help them fight for their ability to be treated as professionals. We

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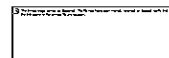


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Fair Share is Fair

Supreme Court votes to uphold fair share fees

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Fair share is fair.

That was the finding of an equally divided U.S. Supreme Court, which today issued a one-sentence decision that upheld nearly 40 years of legal precedent and the right of public sector workers to collectively bargain.

No worker can be forced to join a union even though the benefits of a union contract extend to all the workers in the bargaining unit. Those workers who do not want to be full members pay a fair share fee. This ensures that such covered employees who receive all of the benefits of union membership pay some of the costs. Fair share covers the administrative costs of bargaining and administering the contract. Fair share fees do not include costs of political activities. In the *Friedrichs* case decided today, a small group of California teachers objected to paying their fair share and the court has rejected their challenge.

"Fair share is about basic fairness," said Zach Schiller, research director with Policy Matters Ohio. "This decision buoys the rights of working people and promotes stability in the public-workplace."

Hannah Halbert, workforce researcher with Policy Matters Ohio, added that "Ohio voters overwhelmingly defeated Senate Bill 5, legislation that would have stripped many public sector workers of their right to collectively bargain. Working people need more opportunities to have their voice heard on the job, not less."

Today's 4-4 decision upholds the finding of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and it sets no new collective bargaining restrictions for the rest of the country.

Read more about the decision on the [SCOTUS blog](#). Learn more about the impact of unions on Ohio's labor market in our [State of Working Ohio report](#).

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[Hannah Halbert](#) is a workforce researcher with Policy Matters Ohio.

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CER Founder & CEO Jeanne Allen.

LOUISIANA LAWSUIT. "Money will always be the biggest area of dissension in education as long as school boards maintain the flawed position that money belongs to one set of systems and not people," CER told the Louisiana Record about a local school board partnering with the state teachers union to challenge a district court charter school ruling.

CHARTER STARTER. Sean 'P Diddy' Combs is adding edreform to his resume, using his star power for good by starting a charter school in Harlem, NY. He's not the first celeb to open a charter school either. Maybe if MA lifted the cap on charter schools, they would have celebrities rushing to open schools there too...



MUST WATCH. Dr. Wayne Lewis, the Executive Director of Education Programs at the Kentucky Secretary of Education's Office, gives a fantastic briefing on what charter schools can offer The Bluegrass State. Watch here.

RACE & CHARTERS. There's a much bigger story to how and why charter schools uniquely succeed that was not covered well in *The Boston Globe's* "Racial aspects tinge Mass. charter debate" article. [Here's the real deal.](#)



ED TECH INNOVATION OF THE WEEK. School choice could be getting easier for parents thanks to mobile tools and technology like SchoolMint. [EdSurge has the scoop here.](#) (Have an ed tech innovation that advances student, educator or parent power? Send it to Michelle@edreform.com)

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**Response has been great and so we have extended
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Wednesday, April 13, 2016

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**The Ohio Statehouse Atrium
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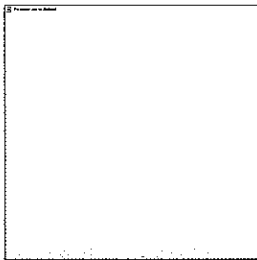
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Buckeye Institute News Alert

In the wake of yesterday's decision in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, The Buckeye Institute offered commentary across the state and around the country to help make sense of the Supreme Court's ruling. We continue to fight for the First Amendment rights of all public employees.

The Supreme Court 4-4 decision in the *Friedrichs* case was not surprising in its result, but the timing was certainly unexpected.

Contrary to the assertions of groups that opposed the First Amendment rights of workers, which prematurely praised the Supreme Court for deciding that mandating speech is good policy, the decision yesterday did no such thing. Buckeye President Robert Alt wrote [a piece for National Review](#) that is worth a read, in which he explains the significance of the case and this "non-decision."

Alt, a legal and constitutional scholar, has written extensively on this case in [national legal publications](#). The Buckeye Institute [filed an *amicus* brief](#) with the Supreme Court in this case as well arguing that public school teachers, including lead plaintiff Rebecca Friedrichs, should not be forced to pay fees to unions in support of speech with which they disagree. In a conference call yesterday hosted by The Federalist Society discussing the outcome of *Friedrichs*, preeminent law professor Richard Epstein of the New York University School of Law praised Buckeye's *amicus* brief as being among the best filed in the case.

Robert Alt was at the Supreme Court on January 11 during oral arguments in the case to show support to plaintiff Rebecca Friedrichs and to stand behind The Buckeye Institute's *amicus* brief.

After the Supreme Court's decision came down yesterday, Alt fielded dozens of reporters' questions, held a press advisory conference call, and gave a radio interview to Associated Press Ohio through WOSU public radio that provided more context for the decision. The radio hit is short and worth a listen.



Robert Alt and plaintiff Rebecca Friedrichs

Newspapers from the Columbus Dispatch to Dayton Daily News and the Twinsburg Bulletin to the Crescent-News cited Buckeye, and we are pleased to continue The Buckeye Institute's streak of publicly commenting on timely and important policy and legal issues, particularly ones where we have been actively fighting for good policy to prevail.

Twenty-five states, including Ohio, still force public employees to pay some union agency fees in order to keep their jobs, even if the employees disagree with the political speech the unions support with those funds. The *Friedrichs* case demonstrates the necessity of replacing Justice Scalia with someone who will continue to uphold our constitutional rights to free speech. And it demonstrates the necessity of continuing to fight every day to ensure that the First Amendment rights of all public-sector workers are protected.

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PENSIONS: Did Pension Reform Improve the Sustainability of Pension Plans?

There is a long-running national debate over whether closing public sector defined benefit plans and replacing them with defined contribution plans—as states like Michigan and Alaska did over a decade ago—improves the sustainability of retirement systems or creates further problems. In a new Reason Foundation policy study, Anthony Randazzo and Truong Bui apply a new actuarial model to the cases of Michigan and Alaska to provide counterfactual analyses of what would have happened in those states had reforms never been adopted. They find that both states are better off having closed defined benefit

plans. Unfunded liabilities have increased in both states since their reforms, but for reasons unrelated to the actual reforms: both states had underperforming investment returns and failed to make 100% of their required employer contributions. Had Michigan and Alaska not closed their pension plans, unfunded liabilities would be even higher today than under actual experience.

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TRANSPORTATION: Implications of Texas Toll Road Bankruptcy Filing

Opponents of public-private partnership (PPP) toll roads have seized on the Texas SH 130 Concession Company's recent Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing as evidence that PPPs are a bad idea. While that may turn out to be the case for the bondholders and the equity providers, the restructuring should have no adverse impact on toll road customers or on taxpayers, according to Reason Foundation's Robert Poole. In fact, Poole notes that there have been several such bankruptcy filings for U.S. toll roads during the past decade, and in none of these cases have toll road users been adversely affected, nor have there been any taxpayer bailouts.

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LAND USE: The Social and Economic Consequences of Urban Containment

Some cities are limiting their urban footprint to curtail greenhouse gas emissions through so-called "urban containment" policies that seek to densify urban areas and substitute transit, cycling and walking for car and other light duty vehicle use. After evaluating key research on these policies, a new Reason Foundation report finds that implementation of urban containment will likely lead to more-congested cities and less mobility, as well as lower discretionary incomes as house prices rise relative to incomes. The result would be a lower standard of living and greater poverty.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Reforming Connecticut's Pre-Trial System

In Connecticut, individuals charged with crimes face very different outcomes before trial—outcomes tied more to how much money they have than the risk they pose to society. For example, those who can afford to post bail remain free until their trial date, with little accountability. But poor defendants—even those charged with low-level, nonviolent crimes—often sit in jail until their trial dates, costing taxpayers thousands of dollars without preserving public safety, or else they just plead guilty, regardless of their actual complicity. This has led to a pre-trial system that fails to prioritize public safety and that is neither just nor cost-effective. A new report by Reason Foundation and the Yankee Institute for Public Policy makes the case for systemic reform by replacing monetary bail with a system that uses effective alternatives based upon risk assessment.

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PRIVATIZATION: User Fees for River Recreation?

Recent federal legislation authorizing the use of public-private partnerships to modernize locks and dams have some advocacy groups concerned about recreational river users, not just commercial users, eventually being required to pay user fees related to their activities. While this is not part of the federal program, William Newman and C. Jarrett Dieterle write that there are many good reasons why all users—even recreational ones—should be expected to contribute user fees for the maintenance of our nation's water infrastructure.

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NEWS & NOTES

New Report Advocates Reforming Public Pension Governance: A new Manhattan Institute report by James Copland and Steven Malanga finds that little attention has been paid to the governance of public pension boards and that there is a significant need for reform. Among the findings, the authors conclude that public pension boards lack diversity and financial expertise, and public pension systems

are typically "not subject to federal fiduciary duties that apply to private pension plans and are instead subject to a hodgepodge of typically more lenient state-law requirements." The full report is [available here](#)

Moody's Expects Unfunded Pension Liabilities to Skyrocket in FY 2016: It's been a rough year in the financial markets, and a new report from Moody's Investors Service forecasts that unfunded public pension liabilities will increase by a minimum of 10% in fiscal year 2016 under the most optimistic set of assumptions. The press release is [available here](#).

Positive Outlook for U.S. Infrastructure PPP Market: While the outlook for public pensions may be bleak, according to Moody's, there is a healthy outlook for the infrastructure PPP market in the U.S. A new Moody's analysis finds that, "[n]ew state and federal [PPP] resources and political and legislative support, combined with a strong underlying legal framework for contractual enforceability and a deep capital market ready to finance projects, are positive developments as the sector continues growing." More information is [available here](#).

New USDOT Report on PPP Best Practices: The U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Transportation Investment Center has released a new report describing how government agencies can apply best practices in working with the private sector to deliver transportation facilities through PPPs in ways that protect the public interest. It draws on research and interviews and discussions with public and private market players, and it focuses on the key areas of legislation and policy, project development, procurement, and performance monitoring and oversight. The full report is [available for download here](#).

Indiana Supreme Court Rules on State, IBM Welfare Modernization Dispute : Last week, the Indiana Supreme Court issued a long-awaited ruling in a dispute between the state of Indiana and IBM over the early cancellation of a 2006 contract to modernize the state's welfare eligibility system. That year, the state entered a 10-year, \$1.34 billion contract with IBM to automate eligibility determinations for food stamps, Medicaid and other welfare benefits and significantly reduce face-to-face interactions. However, a variety of implementation glitches ultimately prompted former Gov. Mitch Daniels to cancel IBM's contract in 2009, at which point the parties countersued. The high court ruling upheld a Court of Appeals determination that the state could recover up to \$175 million in damages it is seeking from IBM, while at the same time allowing IBM to seek reimbursement for approximately \$50 million for services delivered under the contract. The ruling is [available here](#).

Chicago Skyway Sale Reaches Financial Close: The \$2.8 billion acquisition of the Chicago Skyway by a trio of Canadian public pension funds reached financial close late last month, with the city of Chicago benefitting from a \$28 million windfall resulting from application of the city's real property transfer tax to the transaction, according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*. A Macquarie and Cintra-led consortium entered a 99-year lease of the Chicago Skyway in 2005—taking over operations and management of the government-run toll road from the city in exchange for a \$1.8 billion upfront payment—but the parties announced an intention last June to sell their remaining interest in the lease. In November, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan agreed to purchase of the Skyway Concession Co., and the parties will adhere to the terms of the original lease for the remaining 88 years of its duration.

New Academic Research Suggests Potential Cost Savings Through Privatized Bus Transit: A new National Bureau of Economic Research working paper by Rhiannon Jerch (Cornell), Matthew Kahn (USC), and Shanjun Li (Cornell) examined public sector productivity in the delivery of public transit services and found that full privatization of all U.S. public bus transit services could reduce per-mile operating costs by 30% and result in aggregate cost savings of \$5.7 billion (using 2011 data). The full report is available for purchase here.

Tennessee Releases Privatized Facilities Management Business Case Analysis : In early March, the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration released a business justification report analyzing the potential cost savings from privatizing facility management services for those state facilities still managed in-house, including higher education. The report estimates a first-year cost savings of \$29.7 million under privatization, ramping up to an annualized costs savings of \$35.8 million in the following years. The state plans to hire a third party consultant to validate the cost analysis before deciding whether to pursue additional privatization. A total of 10% of the state's real estate portfolio has been privately managed since 2013, which officials estimate has saved taxpayers \$13 million over the first two years of the contract. The full report is available here.

Arizona Finalizes First Highway P3 Project : In late February, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) announced it had finalized a contract with Connect 202 Partners to design and build the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway, the largest-ever highway project in the state, and maintain it for 30 years after construction. The \$916 million fixed contract for design and construction is \$122 million less than expected as a result of innovative approaches the private partner proposed for construction and engineering, along with reductions in needed property acquisitions. "This first-of-its-kind highway contract in Arizona has not

only reduced the overall cost but allowed ADOT to accelerate the entire project, meaning motorists will be able to benefit from this critical freeway sooner," according to ADOT Director John Halikowski. More information on the project is [available here](#).

Idaho Legislature Passes Procurement Overhaul Bill: Last week, the Idaho State Legislature unanimously approved legislation ([House Bill 538](#)) developed by an interim legislative committee convened last fall that recodifies and updates the state's procurement laws and adds in new training requirements for all state employees involved in procurement activities. The legislation also requires the administrator of the state's division of purchasing to develop policies and procedures for agency contract monitoring, as well as establishes a set of ethical standards applicable to anyone involved in state procurement. The legislation stems from several high-profile contracting problems in recent years, highlighted in a 2014 state audit report. At press time, the bill was awaiting signature by Gov. Butch Otter.

Kansas Senate Passes Legislation Permitting Privatization of Mental Health, Disability Services and Facilities: Earlier this month, the Kansas State Senate approved legislation ([Senate Bill 422](#)) outlining comprehensive standards and licensure requirements for the care offered by facilities and providers of mental health and disability services. The legislation includes language granting broad authority to the state's Department for Aging and Disability Services to contract out services and facilities, with the condition that the state cannot privatize the operations or facilities of the Larned or Osawatomie State Hospitals without prior legislative approval. The bill is currently awaiting a hearing in the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

Reforming Mandatory Minimum Sentencing: A new report published by the American Legislative Exchange Council makes the case for departing from mandatory minimums and allowing judges greater flexibility when sentencing nonviolent, low-risk offenders. The report, authored by Gregory Newburn of Families Against Mandatory Minimums, includes model legislation allowing for discretion during sentencing of certain nonviolent offenders who meet certain criteria as a way to lower incarceration rates and costs without compromising public safety. The full report is [available here](#).

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

"On June 28, 1995, the Government Accountability Office reported to Congress (GAO/T-GGD-95-197) that it had a 'major concern' with the fact that agencies were understating the cost of government programs. The report stated, 'Our major concern with the retirement funding process has been that agencies are charged less than the full accruing cost.' However, no action was ever taken to correct the problem—all these years. As a result, contractors that bid on government proposals were short-changed. The contractors did not get a fair shake at winning and being awarded a contract because of the understatement of the in-house personnel costs."

—Tom McKinney, US Army Audit Agency, retired certified internal auditor, "A million million dollar problem (Part IV)," TruthInAccounting.org, March 7, 2016.

"Imagine you thought your mortgage was \$440,000 but then the bank called up and said it was \$1.3 million. That's really what we're facing."

—Charles Millard, Citigroup's head of pension relations, on Citi's new report finding that government debt in industrialized nations nearly triples when pension and other retirement liabilities are factored in. Quoted in Timothy W. Martin, "Global Government Debt Is Actually Triple What We Thought, Thanks to Pensions," *The Wall Street Journal*, March 17, 2016.

"In addition to questionable board composition, the boards of government retirement plans often wield considerably more substantive power than their counterparts in the private sector. One survey found that 68 percent of public retirement boards have some control over benefit decisions. The survey also found that 88 percent of government pension boards exercised direct authority over the investment decisions of their funds, and 89 percent controlled the funds' actuarial assumptions, which are key components in calculating the funding levels and risks that a plan faces. In contrast, under the federal Pension Protection Act, private-employer pension plans must discount projected future liabilities using market-based discount rates based on high-quality corporate bond yields; benefit payouts are limited for any plan less than 80 percent funded (deemed 'at risk'); plan assets cannot be valued over more than a two-year 'smoothing cycle'; and plan sponsors have to make up shortfalls within seven years. As such, private-employer sponsors of defined-benefit pension plans' actuarial and benefit

decisions are sharply cabined, while plan sponsors have powerful incentives to limit investment volatility risk in their portfolios."

—James R. Copland and Steven Malanga, "[Safeguarding Public-Pension Systems](#)," Manhattan Institute, March 9, 2016.

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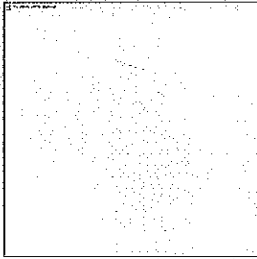


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UTILITIES COMMISSION STIFLES COMPETITION

**In announcing its handouts to FirstEnergy and AEP today, PUCO hurt
Ohio customers and sided against the free market**

COLUMBUS--Ohio's economy has benefited from regulatory reforms that opened up the electricity market to competition. Unfortunately, today the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) announced a rollback of this important energy policy by granting handouts to two of the largest, most powerful electric utilities in the state, the costs for which will no doubt be passed along to customers.

FirstEnergy and American Electric Power (AEP) asked the PUCO to approve a contract that would force customers to pay higher prices in order to prop up struggling power plants. Other power companies would be more than happy to buy the plants in question and operate them more cost effectively, or build new, more efficient plants.

Bad energy policies such as the Obama Administration's war on coal and federal mandates as well as generous subsidies and state renewable power

requirements spurred the utility companies to seek these agreements. However, the right thing for the PUCO to do is to call for immediate and comprehensive changes to these bad energy policies, rather than issuing handouts that will create significant problems for the state and, most importantly, ratepayers in the long run.

Competitors of FirstEnergy and AEP have already appealed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to override PUCO's decision, and have also threatened to sue.

"This income guarantee will hurt Ohioans for sure. In the short term, it raises power costs for AEP and FirstEnergy customers. In the long term, it slows economic growth and throws a wrench into the gears of the free and competitive electric market," said The Buckeye Institute's energy policy analyst Joe Nichols. "Fortunately, federal energy regulators and the courts will probably have a chance to reverse this unwise decision."

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Popularity of Short-Term Renting is Exploding

In 2008 In a recent Mackinac Center for Public Policy [blog post](#), Policy Analyst Jarrett Skorup says the popularity of short-term rental services is “exploding”: “Short-term renting is exploding in popularity. People sign up through companies or websites - like Airbnb or HomeAway - to rent out an extra room or a house for a short period. If you live in a city that is going to host the Super Bowl and have extra space, renting out a room for two nights gets you extra money and saves the renter from higher-priced or less convenient lodging options.”

A new study by Andrew Moylan, executive director and senior fellow of the R Street Institute, assigns localities with letter grades for their regulatory structure related to short-term lodging services, such as Airbnb, HomeAway, and FlipKey. The report, titled “Roomscore 2016: Short-Term Rental Regulation in U.S. Cities,” grades 59 U.S. cities in five categories: whether a legal framework exists, the level of restrictions, taxation, licensing, and enforcement.

The study first examines cities’ legal frameworks, ranking cities highly for having a regulatory structure that explicitly acknowledges and creates a legal foundation for rentals conducted on a short-term basis. The cities that are ranked the highest in this category include: Anaheim, CA; Austin, Texas; Boulder, CO, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Galveston, TX, Louisville, KY, Nashville, Tennessee; Philadelphia, PA, Portland, OR, Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA; San Jose, CA; and Savannah, Georgia.

While many of the aforementioned cities possess robust laws in place to support short-term rental services, many of the cities have a hostile city enforcement regime for short-term rental restrictions, such as burdensome inspection regimes, disproportionately high insurance requirements, restrictive occupancy limits, mandates to provide vehicle parking spaces, and prescriptive regulations of a host’s location. Some of the cities with the most unfriendly environments for short-term rentals include: Anaheim, CA; Atlanta, GA; Denver, CO; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and Los Angeles, CA.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCOM) announced its support of short-term rentals [in a 2012 resolution](#), which stated the overall economic impact created by short-term rentals is positive. “Fair regulation of short-term rentals ensures greater compliance and greater receipt of local hotel taxes. Onerous regulations of short-term rentals can drive the industry underground, thus evading local regulations and local hotel taxes,” wrote USCOM.

Short-term rental services provide individuals, businesses, and consumers with economic opportunities. Lawmakers should support the rights of those who profit from the short-term rental industry, a decision that will encourage economic growth and free-market competition.



Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: Do Right-to-Work Laws Cause Income Inequality?

One of the most commonly used attacks against right-to-work laws is the claim they increase economic inequality. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines a new study by American Enterprise Institute researchers Jeffrey Jordan, Aparna Mathur, Abdul Manasib, and Devesh Roy showing this claim is likely untrue. "Inequality in the U.S. started to exacerbate in the mid-1980s," wrote the AEI researchers. "If RTW had an impact on inequality, it would have to be that RTW started to have a causal effect on inequality in the states that enacted the law in the 1940s and the 1950s with a lag of more than 30 years." [Read more](#)

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Introducing 'Article V 2.0': The Compact for a Balanced Budget

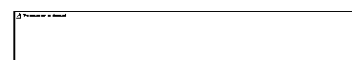
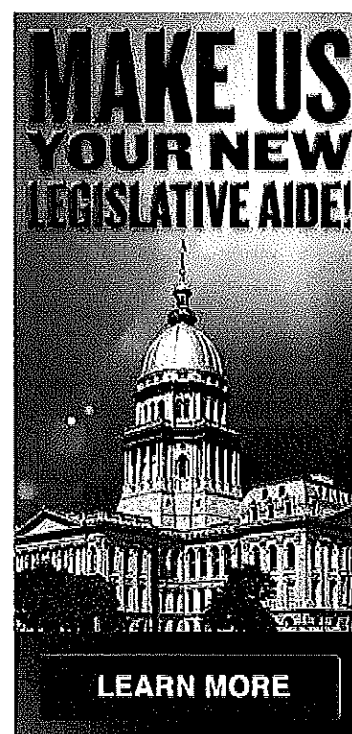
As the federal debt approaches \$18 trillion, a balanced budget amendment has emerged as one of few viable options for curbing government spending. The Article V process for amending the U.S. Constitution, however, is long and tedious.

In a new Heartland Institute report, titled "Introducing 'Article V 2.0': A Compact for a Balanced Budget," Nick Dranias, a constitutional law expert, asks the question, "[W]hat if the states could advance and ratify a powerful federal balanced budget amendment in just 12 months?" Dranias says the Compact for a Balanced Budget could accomplish that task, "changing the political game almost immediately." [Read more](#)

Education

Research & Commentary: Maryland Education Tax-Credit Scholarships

A new proposal being considered in Maryland would grant businesses tax credits in exchange for donations supporting nonprofit scholarship programs for students to attend a private school. If passed, the program would establish the \$15 million Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund, from which businesses would receive tax credits equal to 60 percent of those donations, not exceeding \$200,000 in a taxable year. In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson wrote,



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"These tax-credit scholarships would be administered by nonprofit Student Assistant Organizations (SAOs), which would work as middlemen that distribute contributions as scholarships for low-income students to attend private schools. Extracurricular programs at public schools would also be funded using SAOs." [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Study: Science Teachers Giving Unbalanced Education on Climate Change

H. Sterling Burnett, research fellow at The Heartland Institute, discusses a new nationwide survey of 1,500 U.S. middle and high school science teachers - conducted by the National Center for Science Education and published in the February 12 issue of *Science* - in this *Heartlander* report. The survey found half of the teachers who discuss climate change in the classroom ignore evidence showing natural forces play a significant role in climate change. The survey found approximately 70 percent of middle school and 87 percent of high school science teachers discuss global warming in the classroom, spending an average of less than two hours over the course of an entire academic year on the topic. More than half of the middle and high school science teachers discussing climate change teach humans' use of fossil fuels is mostly responsible for recent global climate changes. About 30 percent of science teachers discuss human actions and natural processes as potential causes of climate change, and 12 percent of science teachers addressing climate change do not emphasize possible human causes. [Read more](#)

Health Care

Research & Commentary: Colorado Should Reject Single-Payer Health Care

In November 2016, Colorado voters will consider a ballot measure that would enact a state constitutional amendment creating "ColoradoCare," a single-payer, government-run health care system in Colorado. Colorado would be the second state to attempt creating a single-payer health care system; the first was Vermont, which abandoned its plans in December 2014.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines ColoradoCare and the many problems the proposed single-payer system would create. "The Heartland Institute argues the best way to preserve individual freedom, improve the quality of health care, and enhance the efficiency of the nation's health care system is to empower individuals by giving them more control over the dollars spent on their behalf. Single-payer systems do the exact opposite. Colorado

of *Environment & Climate News* reports some 300 scientists, engineers, and economists sent a letter to U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, chairman of the House Science Committee, warning data used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to produce a 2015 report on climate change failed to comply with the Data Quality Act. "If NOAA had obeyed the law and carried out the required peer review of [the report], this whole affair could have been avoided. Hopefully NOAA will obey the law in the future," said William Happer, Ph.D., of Princeton University.

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should resist completing the transition to ColoradoCare and instead pursue policies emphasizing consumer-driven health care.” [Read more](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

A State-by-State Map of Worker Freedom

The Center for Worker Freedom (CWF), a project of Americans for Tax Reform, provides a detailed look at labor laws related to public school teachers in its recently released “[2016 Indicator of Labor Liberty](#)” maps. The maps show how a ruling in favor of workers’ rights in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* would have benefited parts of the country still dominated by detrimental labor laws. The Supreme Court affirmed the decision made by a lower court on March 29 in a 4-4 split vote, ruling in favor of unions. CWF offers two versions of the map; one highlights the status quo of labor law across the country, and the other demonstrates how government workers in 21 states would have been freed from forced unionization if the Supreme Court had ruled mandatory dues unconstitutional. [Read more](#)

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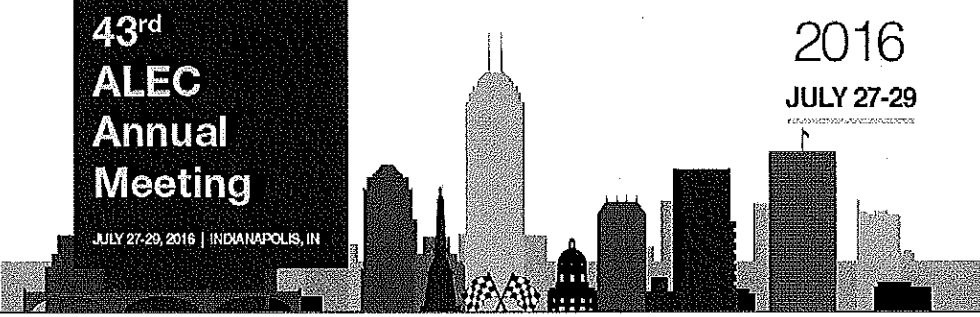
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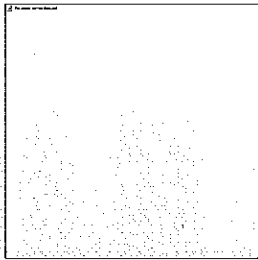
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Ohio's new capital budget is soon to be unveiled. It will likely clock in at around \$2 billion with approximately \$150 million of state funds set aside to fund local pet projects.

The Buckeye Institute's latest report, *Watch the Pork: Focus State Dollars on Essential Government Services*, explains why Ohio's General Assembly should not redistribute hard-earned taxpayer dollars to fund what amounts to localized pork. Further, every dollar spent this way is one less dollar spent on the services and infrastructure taxpayers really demand.

The state's capital budget should be primarily concerned with the *"repair, reconstruction and construction of capital assets of state agencies, colleges, universities and school districts"* as outlined by the Office of Budget and Management. Regrettably, in most budget cycles, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are often siphoned away from these statewide priorities to pay for an array of local and regional projects, such as museums, statues, and athletic facilities.

These local projects should not be funded with state funds that can be better spent providing and improving essential government services. Local recreational interests should be funded with local dollars and private support.

Report author Greg R. Lawson said, "At a time where critical infrastructure needs are emerging across the state, spending state dollars on items that should be paid for locally is not an optimal use of scarce resources. Ohio policymakers should focus on what is really needed to help the state prosper while letting local taxpayers make local decisions."



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- **Dr. Kevin R. C. Gutzman** - the New York Times best-selling author of four books on American history and the Constitution. Professor and Chairman of the Department of History at Western Connecticut State University, Gutzman holds a bachelor's degree, a master of public affairs degree, and a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin, as well as an MA and a PhD in American history from the University of Virginia.
- **Dr. John C. Eastman** - the Henry Salvatori Professor of Law & Community Service at Chapman University Fowler School of Law, and also served as the School's Dean from June 2007 to January 2010, when he stepped down to pursue a bid for California Attorney General. He is the Founding Director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a public interest law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute.
- **Ilya Shapiro** - senior fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute and editor-in-chief of the Cato Supreme Court Review. Before joining Cato, he was a special assistant/adviser to the Multi-National Force in Iraq on rule-of-law issues and practiced at Patton Boggs and Cleary Gottlieb. Shapiro is the co-author of Religious Liberties for Corporations? Hobby Lobby, the Affordable Care Act, and the Constitution (2014). He has contributed to a variety of academic, popular, and professional publications, including the Wall Street Journal, Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Weekly Standard, New York Times Online, and National Review Online.

To see why so many people and organizations agree that the Compact for America approach to Article V is good public policy and fully constitutional, you can read the findings and conclusions of Judge DeMoss, Dr. Gutzman, Dr. Eastman, Ilya, and yours truly, in the following cutting-edge policy briefs:

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- [Rooted in the Tenth Amendment: The Article V Convention](#)
- [Article V 2.0: The Compact for a Balanced Budget](#)

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The bottom line is that Compact for America has put the "Constitution" back into the process of amending the Constitution more so than any other Article V movement.

Please consider lending your support to the Compact for America initiative in any way that you can.

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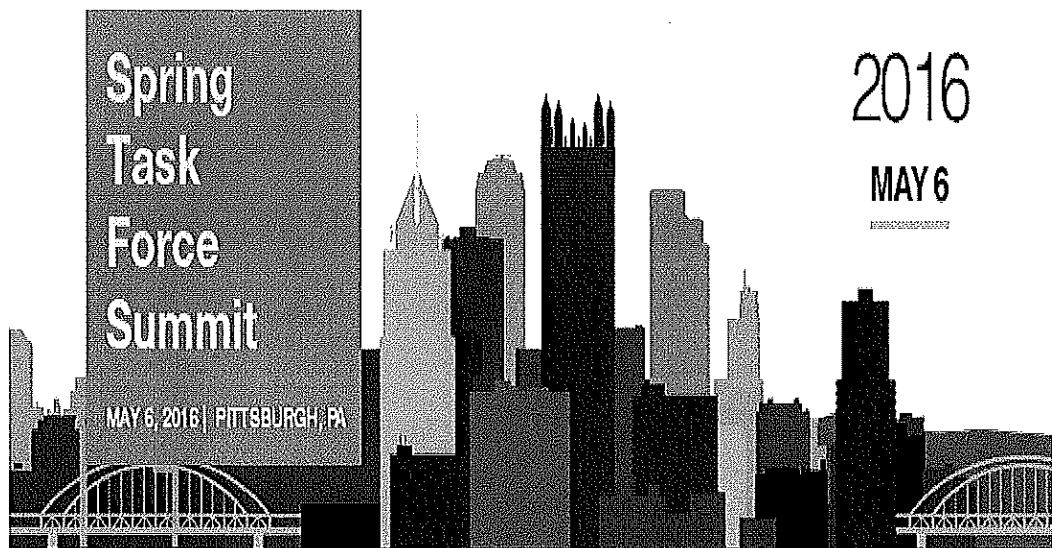
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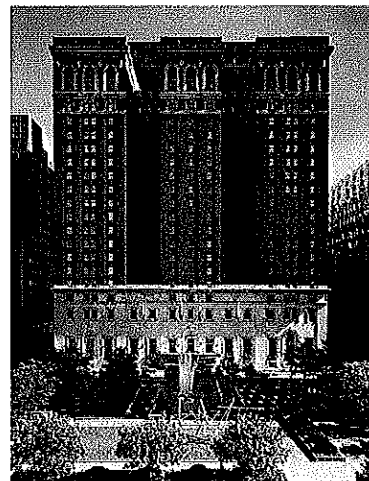
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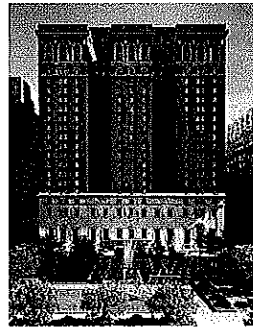
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House, Senate Chairs Set Criminal Justice Legislative Priorities For Coming Months

The legislator who leads the Senate Criminal Justice Committee said his goal for the group over the next several months is to avoid interfering with the work of the Criminal Recodification Committee.

Chairman Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) said in an interview he does not want to move legislation before lawmakers break for the summer that could be at odds with recommendations from the committee charged with reviewing the state's criminal codes.

"I want to avoid doing anything that is going to be disruptive of the work that the Recodification Committee is doing," he said.

However, Sen. Eklund, a member of the ad hoc panel, also said his standing committee is "not going to be paralyzed."

One of his legislative priorities, he said, is a bipartisan bill (HB 164) sponsored by Rep. John Rodgers (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) and Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville).

The measure, which already cleared the House, allows non-violent ex-offenders to have their records sealed if they have complied with all court ordered sanctions. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 24, 2016)

"That strikes me as a positive initiative," Sen. Eklund said.

Although acknowledging that the legislation may be too complex to move through the committee before the General Assembly's summer recess, Sen. Eklund said another bill he is very interested in is one that would end the death penalty for those that suffer from certain severe mental illnesses at the time of their crimes.

Sponsored by Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland), the bill (SB 162) is facing opposition from the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 27, 2016)

"It's a big bill. It's an important bill. I don't know that it's something that we can get done that quickly," Sen. Eklund said, adding that discussions with OPAA are ongoing.

Another measure he hopes to get to the Senate floor that he does not feel would conflict with the work of the Recodification Committee is a bill (HB 151) sponsored by Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Independence) designed to combat cyber stalking. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 7, 2015)

On the House side, Chairman Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood), who said he has been in close contact with members of the Recodification Committee, has several legislation priorities he desires to move through the House Judiciary Committee in the coming months. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 29, 2016)

One is a bill (SB 76) sponsored by Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) and Sen. Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) that specifies the actual servicing of a protective order or consent agreement to the targeted individual isn't necessary for a violation charge if the person knew of the order and "recklessly violated" its terms. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 30, 2015)

The measure was introduced after the Ohio Supreme Court overturned the conviction of a man because he had not been officially served with a protective order by an officer of the court.

"There some disagreement between the House and Senate on this issue, but I'm optimistic we can come up with a compromise on this bill," Rep. Butler said.

Another priority, according to Rep. Butler is a bill (SB 215) sponsored by Sen. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) and Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley Twp.) that would provide civil immunity to those who break into cars to rescue animals or children. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 10, 2016)

"In general I think the concept is a correct one," Rep. Butler said.

He said he also expects to take up a measure (HB 307) sponsored by Rep. Pelanda designed to provide judges with more discretion in imposing driver's license suspensions for drug-related offenses that did not involve a vehicle. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 13, 2015)

Also likely to be a priority for the committee, according to Rep. Butler, is a bill (HB 283) to require DNA testing for certain misdemeanor sex crimes and another bill (HB 268) designed to make it easier for victims of human trafficking to expunge their records.

"I do hope we'll be able to pass those out of committee," Rep. Butler said.

Sunset Review Process About Half Completed; Committee Expected To Wrap Up Work In May

About halfway through the Sunset Review process, dozens of entities have said their services are no longer needed.

"We already have a decent number," said Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander), who chairs the Sunset Review Committee.

In fact, a total of 40 entities have asked to be sunset, including the Labor-Management Government Advisory Council, the Ohio Parks and Recreation Council and the Ohio Housing Study Committee.

Sen. Jordan said he expects more entities will ask to be discontinued as the process moves forward. The panel's next meeting is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"There will be more," he said. "Every time we have hearings, there are a number of agencies and boards that ask to be sunset."

Not only does Sen. Jordan anticipate more entities to ask to be sunset, he also expects the committee to make some cuts of its own.

"There are a few members of the committee that are looking at additional boards and commissions to be addressed," he said, adding additional hearings would likely be necessary in that case to allow the entities to justify their continued existence.

When all is said and done, Sen. Jordan said, he does not expect the process to result in substantial savings for taxpayers. He does, however, hope the committee's work will improve the business climate across the state.

"Hopefully beyond saving some money, it will get government out of the way of different businesses and entrepreneurs," he said.

Sen. Jordan, though, would like to go farther.

"I would probably like to see more get cut than will actually get cut. But it's a committee process," he said. "There may be some on the other side that think we are going a little bit too far."

Sen. Jordan said he expects the committee to wrap up its work in May and issue a report some time thereafter.

"I'm not sure if we are actually going to get the bill passed until later in the year," he said.

Once a bill is introduced, Sen. Jordan said he hopes for it to garner widespread support.

"It depends on how far we go," he said. "I would like to get a bill that most people can agree to."

The review process occurs every six years. Nearly 80 boards, commissions and study panels were eliminated through legislation (SB171, 129th General Assembly) enacted at the end of the last Sunset Review process.

**OCMC Subcommittee To Present Congressional Redistricting Proposal
Thursday**

Members of an Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission subcommittee plan to have an updated congressional redistricting proposal formed in time for committee discussion Thursday.

The OCMC's Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee is scheduled to meet at 2:30 p.m. Thursday - the first meeting since a four-member subcommittee began working in February to reach a compromise agreement on revamping the redistricting process in the spirit of Issue 1.

The full committee initially intended to vote on the measure at its February meeting before several last minute amendments halted the process. Chairman Fred Mills then appointed the subcommittee to come to an agreement on those changes within six weeks. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 4, 2016)

Two months later, discussions are ongoing.

But subcommittee member Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) said in an interview that subcommittee members and staff should have a proposal finalized in time for the committee to discuss it at Thursday's meeting.

"We'll have something to present to the committee on Thursday on where we are," Sen. Tavares said. "We've had discussions with interested parties, with members of the subcommittee, and kind of gone back and forth."

Although the subcommittee has had no informal meetings since its first meeting in March, she said members and staff have continued their discussion over the last month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 9, 2016)

She described the discussions as positive and said she expects the final proposal, which could still be changed by the committee, will honor the spirit of Issue 1, which handed over the legislative mapmaking process to a newly created bipartisan committee.

"We just want to make sure the proposal and our discussion has been focused on how the lines would be drawn and not who is drawing them, which is a good step forward," she said.

Should the subcommittee fail to reach an agreement by Thursday's meeting, members will likely still report to the committee by updating members on its progress.

"The subcommittee will probably present where they are on Thursday and our hopes are we will have something the subcommittee can say is a consensus report because we really want the rules for drawing congressional districts to be specific so it would be difficult for either party to engage in gerrymandering," Sen. Tavares said.

The Thursday unveiling would come just more than a week since Gov. John Kasich's State of the State address, in which the governor doubled down on his call for

lawmakers to embrace change to congressional redistricting. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 6, 2016)

"When pure politics is what drives these kinds of decisions the result is polarization and division," the governor said in the speech. "I think we've had enough of it."

Still, Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) and House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) have given indications the General Assembly will be sluggish in picking up discussion of the OCMC proposal if it clears the commission.

Sen. Faber said the issue isn't part of his forthcoming agenda, while Rep. Rosenberger called legislative and congressional redistricting are "apples and oranges." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 6, 2016)

Bill Would Create Registry Of Parkinson's Patients To Aid In Research, Treatment

A recently introduced bill would make Ohio the fifth state to track data on people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

The bill (HB 499), sponsored by Rep. Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City) and Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton), would authorize the Department of Health to create a registry of patients with Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and helped write the bill, joined Rep. Grossman at a Statehouse news conference Monday, saying that the database is a step toward improving care and research on the condition.

"This data is useful and absolutely necessary not only in the treatment of Parkinson's disease but also in understanding it and thereafter reaching for a cure," Mr. Mingo said.

If the bill passes, Ohio would be the fifth state to create a database of Parkinson's patients, after Utah, California, Nebraska and Washington.

"It will assist us in gathering data that will help researchers in the state and throughout the nation better understand what's happening here in the state of Ohio with that particular disease," Mr. Mingo said. "Understanding that will help us dedicate resources, it will help us identify those who need those resources to the extreme and it will also help us understand, categorially, how it is we should go about finding a cure for Parkinson's disease and otherwise treating it."

About 1 million people have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease nationwide, Mr. Mingo said, but it's unclear how many people suffer from the condition in Ohio.

"Whether it's 200,000 or 200, we need to know that and understand what's happening here in the state of Ohio with people with Parkinson's disease," he said.

The data would also help shed some light on who the condition affects. Many people who suffer from Parkinson's are elderly, and Mr. Mingo said that means the number of people diagnosed will increase as the population gets older. While the common perception is that it mostly affects, older people, he said it affects many others. Mr. Mingo is 44 and publicly announced his diagnosis in 2013.

The bill would allow ODH to draw up rules regarding exactly how the registry would work. The database would allow ODH to release summary data to show trends and help with research. It's unclear at the moment how much the program would cost.

Mr. Mingo said it would also help patients by helping connect them with others who are going through the same thing.

"When you're initially diagnosed with a condition like this your immediate instinct is to look around within your family, throughout your peers and those you know and try to see who else has this disease and what does it mean for a person's life to walk with it," he said.

Rep. Grossman said the bill is another step toward helping those suffering from Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

"Whatever we can do to help the quality of life for Ohioans in meaningful ways, there should be no hesitancy to be able to achieve that goal," she said.

Graduates, ODE Tout First-Year Results Of Adult Diploma Program

The State Board of Education on Monday recognized graduates of the state's adult diploma program, who were among 78 Ohioans to earn diplomas during the pilot year.

The program, which was created through a previous mid-biennium review budget bill (HB 483, 130th General Assembly), enrolls Ohioans ages 22 and older at community colleges and career technical centers where they can simultaneously work toward a diploma and credentials in an in-demand career field.

Stark State Community College, Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School, Miami Valley Career Technical Center, Cuyahoga Community College and Penta Career Center were involved in the pilot program, which began this school year. Three other sites received funding through the state budget and will begin accepting students in July. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 13, 2015)

"This is probably one of the most exciting things I've had the opportunity to participate in," said Steve Gratz, Senior Executive Director for Student Support and Education Options for the Department of Education.

"This is a game-changer for people. Not only for those individuals, for their families and their communities and so I am just so pleased," he added, saying he believes the program is the first of its kind in the country to offer a diploma issued by the State Board of Education.

Program graduates also spoke to the board, sharing emotional stories of how their lives have been changed for the better because of the credentials and job training they've received.

The state covers the cost of the program, reimbursing pilot sites as students hit milestones, Mr. Gratz said. Because the program is competency based, students work at their own paces toward diplomas.

Michelle Profit, who attended Miami Valley Career Tech, told the board that she couldn't focus in GED classes or during tests so she was never able to obtain a certificate after dropping out of high school during her sophomore year.

Twenty-six years later, she said her dreams of finishing high school have come true thanks to the state offering an additional pathway for individuals older than 21 who never graduated.

"Not only has it fulfilled my heart's desire but it has also given my family a brighter tomorrow," Ms. Profit said, adding that she earned nursing credentials through the program and now works at a hospital.

The law requires pilot sites to offer general instruction in conjunction with training for in-demand jobs that have been identified through OhioMeansJobs and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. To be included on the list, the job must pay at least \$12.54 per hour, which is about \$26,000 per year.

Board members offered support for the graduates, who filled the meeting room and encouraged the administration to continue the program into the next biennium.

"What you've accomplished makes you an inspiration to all of us, especially the more than one million Ohioans who don't have a diploma," Board President Tom Gunlock said.

The state budget included \$5 million in Fiscal Year 2017 to continue the expanded pilot program.

In addition to the Adult Diploma Program, the state has two other options for adults who didn't earn a high school diploma: The GED program and the 22+ program, which is tailored to those who are already employed and are just a few credits short of high school graduation.

AEP Names New Ohio COO; EDF Praises Kasich Administration For New Leak Detection Measure For Oil And Gas Facilities...

AEP has selected Senior Vice President and Treasurer Julie Sloat as the next president and chief operating officer of its Ohio utility unit.

Ms. Sloat will begin her new post May 2, the company announced Monday. She will succeed outgoing President and COO Pablo Vegas, who in March accepted an executive leadership position at Columbia Gas of Ohio parent NiSource. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 15, 2016)

AEP Executive Vice President and COO Robert Powers, who will oversee Ms. Sloat in her new role, said her regulatory and financial expertise "will serve us well as we continue our focus on making investments that provide more reliable service, develop renewable power resources and give our Ohio customers tools to control how and when they use electricity."

The company said it expects to soon name a new treasurer to succeed Ms. Sloat.

Ms. Sloat has served as senior vice president and treasurer since January 2013, according to the company, where she oversees the company's treasury, trusts and investments. Between 2009-2013, she was vice president of regulatory case management.

"As important as her business acumen, Julie is able to connect with and develop positive, mutually beneficial relationships with people," Mr. Powers said.

"A native of Bolivar, Ohio, and graduate of the Ohio State University, Julie has strong ties with Ohio companies and community organizations. She knows and loves the Buckeye State and will be focused on how AEP Ohio can best serve our customers and benefit Ohio's economy," he said.

Gas Leaks: The Environmental Defense Fund praised Gov. John Kasich's administration for new plans to reduce air pollution stemming from the oil and gas industry.

Earlier this month, the administration announced it plans to require permits for new and modified equipment at compressor stations, which would require those companies to check for leaks quarterly.

The EDF said those checks will help catch leaking Volatile Organic Compounds and methane, which it said contribute to global warming.

"We applaud Gov. Kasich for, once again, stepping forward to deliver clean air protections that Ohio communities deserve and joining other leading states in regulating harmful methane emissions," EDF President Fred Krupp said in a statement. "Today's announcement underscores that fast-growing recognition that, for natural gas to meet its promise as a lower-carbon fuel, methane emissions can't go unchecked."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has estimated the natural gas sector could be emitting up to 1.7 million metric tons of methane.

"Requiring operators to systematically check equipment for leaks is a proven, cost-effective way to reduce harmful emissions and associated risks to public health and the environment," Senior State Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Manager Andrew Williams said. "We commend the administration for taking this important step and look forward to working with OEPA and other stakeholders to strengthen the proposal."

Ozone Standard: State regulators and interest groups are pushing back on a recent U.S. EPA white paper that they say fails to adequately account for background ozone under a newly lowered federal ozone standard.

Such ozone cannot be controlled by a state because it stems from a natural event, such as a wildfire, or enters the state from another state, according to the Center for Regulatory Solutions.

More than a dozen entities, including state agencies, air quality experts, and business groups have submitted comments protesting what they call "serious flaws" in the paper. They're arguing that the EPA's failure to account for background ozone would "unfairly punish Western states and compromise their ability to comply with the stringent" air quality guidelines adopted last year.

In October, the EPA announced a long-awaited move to lower the federal ozone standard from 75 parts per billion to 70 parts per billion. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 1, 2015)

"The agency suggests that the relief mechanisms in the statute are sufficient to address the rare instances where background ozone pushes a state out of compliance," according to the center's comments. "To the contrary, our review reveals that neither assertion is accurate or substantiated by the facts. What is clear, however, is that EPA is trying to regulate something for which the science is still not fully understood."

High Court To Hear Public Records Case Next Week; Oral Arguments Set In Five Other Cases

An attorney representing the Ohio Innocence Project next week will argue that the Ohio Supreme Court should overturn a 1994 ruling and compel the Columbus Division of Police to provide him access to the case file of a man convicted of a 2007 murder.

Cincinnati attorney Donald Caster will argue that the court's ruling in *State ex rel. Steckman v. Jackson* should be overturned because of revision to Criminal Rule 16 made in 2010, the court reported.

In *Steckman*, the court ruled that access to law enforcement evidentiary records should be determined by the discovery rules for criminal cases rather than the Ohio Public Records Act.

Mr. Caster will argue that the that 2010 rule change paved the way for the court to overturn the 1994 decision and allow for the examination of investigatory records once a trial begins.

CDP will argue that it is following the law laid out in the *Steckman* case in denying the records request of Mr. Caster.

According to the court, CDP will claim that many of the records are "specific investigatory work product," which includes personal notes, working papers, memoranda and evidentiary findings, all of which were exempted from public record law in a 1997 case.

The Innocence Network and the Ohio Coalition for Open Government have filed briefs in support of Mr. Caster's case.

The court will hear five other cases next week:

- In *Jackson v. State*, a death row inmate will appeal his sentence arguing that the judge did not take mitigating factors into account at a resentencing hearing.
- In *250 Shoup Mill v. Tax Commissioner*, the court will decide if a non-profit real estate company that leases property to a Dayton charter school and is owned by a charter-school corporation is eligible for a property tax exemption.
- In *Jacobson v. Kaforey*, the court will determine if a woman, who as a child was assigned a conservator who then sent her to live with an uncle in Florida, can file a lawsuit claiming the conservator and a hospital violated the law.
- In *Aalim v. State*, A juvenile facing aggravated robbery charges in adult court will argue that the statute allowing his case to be moved from the juvenile system is unconstitutional because the juvenile court judge was not given an opportunity to determine if he would be responsive to rehabilitation in the juvenile system.
- In *State v. Jones*, The court will decide if a Cleveland man convicted of a 1993 more than 20 years later should be subject to sentencing laws at the time of the offense.

The latter two cases, along with the public records case, will be heard on April 20 at Meigs High School in Pomeroy as part of the court's off-site program.

National Report: Ohio's Affordable Housing Lags Behind Needs Of Low Income Renters

A new national analysis of U.S. Census data shows Ohio by and large has just 38 affordable and available housing units for every 100 extremely low income renter households.

But Ohio isn't alone, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, which analyzed the data. The Buckeye State joins 49 other states and Washington D.C. in not being able to adequately meet the housing needs of impoverished residents.

The report, called "The Gap: The Affordable Housing Gap Analysis 2016," examines PUMS data - the most detailed level of data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. In doing so, the group determined that "clearly a new approach is needed to address the housing needs of households with the lowest incomes."

That's because the United States has 7.2 million too few affordable rental units available to those considered "extremely low income," which is defined as those with an income at or below 30% of the area median income.

Of those ELI renters, 75% were "severely cost-burdened, spending more than half of their income on rent and utilities," according to the study. In all states, at least 55% of ELI renters put more than half their incomes toward rent and utilities, according to the group.

NLIHC Vice President of Research Andrew Aurand said the study "reveals an alarming reality about housing for extremely low income households."

"What is frustrating is the lack of timely action to address the issue," Mr. Aurand said. "Millions of people in America are living in unaffordable rental homes. They are forced to cut their spending on food, transportation and health to pay rent."

In Ohio, there were 274,346 too few units for ELI households. In all, 71% of ELI households demonstrated a severe housing cost burden.

Of Ohio's three largest metropolitan areas, each had a deficit of housing units per 100 households at or below the ELI threshold. But only Columbus had a number of available units below the national level.

Of those metro areas:

- The Columbus area required 55,675 more affordable housing units to adequately serve extremely low income renters
- The Cincinnati area - including portions of Kentucky and Indiana - had 47,486 too few units for that population
- The Cleveland-Elyria area had 55,579 too few units

Of all states, North Dakota fared the best, but that state still had a shortage with 64 affordable and available units per 100 ELI households. Nevada, in contrast, fared the worst nationally with 17 units per 100 such households.

Sheila Crowley, who recently retired as the group's president and CEO, said more funding to the National Housing Trust Fund would help close the gap.

So would success of the group's ongoing campaign United for Homes, she said, which lobbies for reducing the portion of a mortgage eligible for tax breaks from \$1 million to \$500,000 and changing the deduction to a 15% non-refundable tax credit. She said those moves would save up to \$200 billion in the next decade that could be invested into the trust fund.

"The National Housing Trust Fund was explicitly created to address the most critical housing needs in our country, housing affordable to those with the lowest income," Ms. Crowley said. "We can end homelessness and housing poverty in America without adding a penny to the federal deficit through the United for Homes campaign. All we need is the will."

Education Notes: 44 Applicants Seeking Superintendent Job; AG Says College, University Foundations Can Be Audited

The State Board of Education this week will begin reviewing the qualifications of 44 applicants who are looking to be the next superintendent of public instruction.

Board President Tom Gunlock said the applications will be made public on Wednesday and board members will have until April 28 to pick five candidates that they would like to interview.

Ray & Associates, a contracted search firm, is reviewing the applications that were due Friday and will also select the five interviewees, he said.

The goal is to complete interviews in May and select a superintendent shortly after, the board president said.

"Hopefully somebody will come to the forefront and we can get this done. If not, we may have to call people back for additional interviews, but hopefully we can get this thing done sometime in May," Mr. Gunlock said in an interview.

The chosen candidate, who will be paid \$210,000-\$250,000 annually, will replace former superintendent Dick Ross, who retired in December. Lonny Rivera, who has been serving as interim superintendent, said last year he wasn't interested in applying for the permanent post.

Foundation Audits: State Auditor Dave Yost is clear to continue reviewing the financial records of college and university foundations, per an Attorney General's opinion.

AG Mike DeWine recently issued an opinion stating that the foundations, which raise private funds to support the public institutions, are considered public entities and therefore subject to audits.

"We conclude that a public college or university foundation established as a private nonprofit corporation under R.C. Chapter 1702, the primary purpose of which is to solicit and receive, on behalf of a state college or university, gifts, donations, and bequests made for the benefit or use of the state college or university, and which is responsible for keeping records of donations for the state college or university, is an entity established by the laws of this state for the exercise of a function of government, and is, therefore, a public office," according to the legal opinion.

Yost spokesman Benjamin Marrison said the office requested clarification on foundation audits following push back from the University of Toledo and Youngstown State University. The latter hired legal counsel to debate the auditor's characterization of its foundation as a public entity late last year, Mr. Marrison said.

The opinion ensures that the auditor can examine foundation funds as he sees fit.

"We are pleased, but not surprised, that the attorney general agrees that these funds - collected on behalf of universities to benefit universities - are public dollars and subject to the scrutiny of state auditors," Mr. Yost said.

The office has been contracting with audit firms to examine college and university foundations as part of regular audits for more than 20 years, Mr. Marrison said.

Agency Briefs: Elevated Lead Levels Found In Statehouse Drinking Fountain; ODNR Awards Marine Patrol Grants; OEPA; Civil Rights...

The Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board on Monday tested water in the Statehouse after previous testing found elevated lead levels in a single drinking fountain.

Columbus news station NBC4 collected water samples in the building and testing showed that a fountain on the first floor of the Senate building had a "slightly elevated lead level," according to CSRAB.

To verify the tests, CSRAB completed its own and is expecting results to be available by Friday. All 17 drinking fountains and four kitchenettes in the Statehouse and Senate Building were tested.

The drinking fountain that was identified as having elevated lead levels was taken out of service last Friday when the results of the NBC4 tests were provided to officials, CSRAB said.

Natural Resources: The agency's Division of Watercraft will provide 24 communities with more than \$576 million to support marine patrol units.

"The 2016 Marine Patrol Assistance Grants will help local law enforcement agencies provide emergency response to boating-related incidents, conduct routine waterway patrols and purchase safety equipment for use on marine patrol vessels," according to an ODNR release.

As the number of registered recreational watercraft has increased in recent years, boating-related fatalities have decreased, the agency noted.

In 2015, a record 474,601 watercraft were registered, representing a growth of almost 40,000 in the last three years. Boating related fatalities, meanwhile, have decreased 12% since 1996.

Environmental Protection Agency: A public hearing is set for April 18 to gather input on a wastewater treatment plant expansion in Grove City.

The Ohio EPA said the expansion that discharges to a tributary of Big Darby Creek "would allow Franklin County to retire older wastewater treatment plants and would not accommodate new development."

The agency will take comments on the plans at 6 p.m. at Pleasant View Middle School, 7255 Knopp Road, Grove City. Comments can also be submitted to epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov or EPA-DSW, Attention Permits Processing unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1049

Civil Rights Commission: The commission is requesting nominations for its 2016 class of the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

The 8th annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony will recognize Ohioans who have been leaders in human and civil rights issues in the state and have advanced quality and inclusion, according to a commission release.

Nominations are due by July 1 for the ceremony that will be held Oct. 6.

Politics Notebook: Strickland Proposes Five Debates, Portman Campaign Aims To Contact 50K Voters; Buckeye Institute Slams Capital Bill; Planned Parenthood And Ohio Right To Life To Hit Statehouse...

After refusing to debate primary opponent P.G. Sittenfeld, former Gov. Ted Strickland is now calling on Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) to accept at least five debates in his bid to oust the first-term incumbent.

In a letter to Sen. Portman, Mr. Strickland writes that he looks "forward to a spirited and vigorous campaign; one in which we outline our positions on key issues affecting the people of Ohio."

"Towards that end, I would like to propose a series of debates designed to highlight our priorities and the genuine policy differences that exist between us," the letter continues.

Mr. Strickland proposes the debates be held across the state, one in each region. He also called for the debates to be held in August, September and October.

"Collectively, we can demonstrate to the people of Ohio that we are committed to an open and fruitful discussion of the issues and in the process help inform the voters of the choice they face with this election," the letter reads.

Portman campaign spokeswoman Michawn Rich said in a statement the campaign looks forward to comparing and contrasting the two candidates' records.

"This comes as a welcome surprise given that after a year of refusing to debate, Ted Strickland and his 'invisible' campaign had a change of heart and are now committed to an 'open and fruitful discussion of the issues,'" Ms. Rich said. "As Ted Strickland and his campaign are well aware, we are already receiving debate requests and we look forward to finalizing details with his staff."

Sen. Portman's campaign meanwhile announced a goal of contacting 50,000 voters on April 23 through an effort it has dubbed "Super Saturday."

During a previous "Super Saturday" in October, more than 600 volunteers contacted upwards of 41,000 voters in one day, according to the campaign.

"We are building the most advanced grassroots organization in Ohio history and we are excited about working with thousands of volunteers that know Ohio can't afford to go back to Ted Strickland's Ohio," Ms. Rich said.

"While Ted Strickland runs his 'invisible' campaign, we are proud to work with our impressive team of volunteers and interns who have helped us contact more than 1.5 million voters since last May," he continued. "Ohio voters will have a clear choice in November between moving forward with Rob's pro-growth policies for better wages and more jobs, or returning to Ted Strickland's failed policies of higher taxes, more regulations, and bigger government."

Capital Bill: Ahead of the release of the capital bill (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 8, 2016), the Buckeye Institute is slamming the \$150 million likely to be set aside for local projects.

"At a time where critical infrastructure needs are emerging across the state, spending state dollars on items that should be paid for locally is not an optimal use of scarce resources," Greg Lawson, the organization's Statehouse liaison and policy analyst, said in a statement. "Ohio policymakers should focus on what is really needed to help the state prosper while letting local taxpayers make local decisions."

In a report issued, the organization lists what it believes to be the "five most ridiculous capital budget requests of 2016." They include:

- \$10.6 million for a "Triumph of Flight" statute at I-70 and I-75 in Dayton
- \$2 million to renovate an exhibit at the Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

- \$1.5 million to refurbish parts of Mapfre Stadium in Columbus
- \$150,000 for the Madcap Productions theater and exhibit hall
- \$50,000-\$100,000 for the Bowling Green Curling Club ice rink

Abortion: Both sides of the abortion debate will converge on the Statehouse this week.

Ohio Right to Life will hold a Legislative Day on Tuesday at the Statehouse in which anti-abortion advocates will lobby for the "Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act."

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio on Wednesday will hold Freedom of Choice Ohio's Annual Advocacy Day, beginning at Trinity Episcopal Church and moving to the Statehouse.

"Ohio, like many states, has seen an increase in barriers to women's access to vital and high quality health care services," the group stated. "This coordinated effort is part of a larger strategy that is being used nationwide to eventually remove access to safe and legal abortion."

Black Lung Measure: Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) on Monday touted the introduction of a bill (HB 510) designed to help protect coal miners who are diagnosed with black lung.

"Dealing with black lung disease is a tough reality for many of Ohio's coal miners who work some of our hardest and most dangerous jobs," he said in a statement. "Providing a fair opportunity for benefits as they deal with this debilitating disease is important for the miners and their families. I hope that my colleagues in the legislature will agree."

The legislation would create a workers' compensation process similar to that in West Virginia for coal miners with black lung.

"A miner who lives in Ohio but worked in West Virginia can currently receive at least partial benefits through West Virginia, but a miner who lives and works in Ohio has a more difficult time being approved for benefits," Rep. Cera said. "This bill will help provide a miner who has contracted black lung to have a better chance of receiving at least some benefit to help them through this difficult time."

Kasich Schedule: Gov. John Kasich has four campaign events scheduled this week in New York ahead of the state's presidential primary next week.

Gov. Kasich held two town hall events on Monday, including one hosted by Fox News' Sean Hannity, along with a press availability.

On Tuesday, the governor is set to deliver a speech in New York City on the "Two Paths" facing the American electorate in 2016.

GOP Dinner: The Ohio Republican Party's 2016 state dinner will feature radio talk show host Hugh Hewitt as the keynote speaker.

The June 4 event will also feature Sen. Portman.

Equal Pay: Democrats on Tuesday will hold a press conference in Akron to coincide with Equal Pay Day.

The event, which will feature Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper and Summit County Clerk of Courts Sandra Kurt, will highlight the gender pay disparity, which Democrats says amounts to about \$10,597 between men and women who work full time in the state.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Tuesday, April 12

State Board of Education, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 8 a.m.

Thursday, April 14

Criminal Justice Recodification Committee, House Finance Hearing Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 1 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Tuesday, April 12

Legislative leaders news conference on capital bill, Harding Senate Press Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

House Democrats news conference on bill to restrict local hiring options, PLAs (SB152), George Washington Williams Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

State leaders news conference on efforts to boost fight against prescription drug abuse, CompDrug Inc., 1420 Fields Ave., Columbus, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Immunization Advocacy Day at the Ohio Statehouse

Ohio Library Council Legislative Day, Statehouse, Columbus, (The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's Mobile Technology Lab will be parked and available for tours on the Third Street side of the Senate Bldg. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Freedom of Choice Ohio's Annual Advocacy Day, Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 E. Broad St. & Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Ohio Library Council news conference on ROI report, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11

Sen. Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Host - \$1000; Sponsor - \$750; Friend - \$500 to Friends of Senator Cafaro)

Saturday, June 4


Ohio Republican Party 2016 State Dinner, Hyatt Regency Ballroom, 350 N. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (See <https://www.ohiogop.org/statedinner/> for more information)
Tuesday, June 7

Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus fundraiser, Huntington Park, 330 Huntington Park Ln., Columbus, 6 p.m., (Private Reception
at 6 PM - Game starts at 7:05 PM; Contribution Levels: Host - \$1,500; Sponsor - \$1,000; Friend - \$750 to Ohio Senate Democrats)

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House Activity for Monday, April 11, 2016

CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

SB 133 ■ **AWARENESS MONTH** (Beagle, B.) To designate June as "Scleroderma Awareness Month."

HB 57 ■ **MURDER SENTENCING** (Maag, R.) To change the sentence for aggravated murder.

HB 165 ■ **HUNTING** (Green, D.) To allow an individual on active military duty, while on leave or furlough, to hunt deer or wild turkey without procuring a deer or wild turkey permit.

HB 335 ■ **COURT JURISDICTION** (Craig, H., Grossman, C.) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court.

SCR 2 ■ **DIABETES RESEARCH** (Balderson, T., Gentile, L.) To urge the United States Congress to increase federal funding for research and development involving advanced medical technology used in the treatment of type 1 diabetes.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

State Government: Remove Representative LaTourette; appoint Representative Young

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, April 12

Legislative Committees

House State Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Maag, R., 644-6023), Rm. 116, 8:30 a.m.

- SB 152** **CONTRACTOR LABOR (Uecker, J.)** To prohibit a public authority from requiring a contractor to employ a certain percentage of individuals from the geographic area of the public authority for the construction or professional design of a public improvement. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 239** **DAY DESIGNATION (Hughes, J.)** To designate August 7 as Ohio Purple Heart Day. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 341** **TRANSPORTATION LAWS (Young, R., Sweeney, M.)** To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, to establish a \$35 fee for the retrieval of nonmedical personal items from a motor vehicle, to modify the civil penalties applicable to violations of the towing law, to modify the calculation of the value of an abandoned vehicle to which a towing service or storage facility seeks to take title, and to make other changes to the towing law. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- HB 449** **DAY DESIGNATION (Romanchuk, M., Amstutz, R.)** To designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 32** **EDUCATION ACT (McColley, R.)** To urge the United States Congress to pass the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9 a.m.
- HB 302** **ANNEXATION (Henne, M., Butler, J.)** To provide that, beginning five years after a type-II annexation is approved, the annexed territory is subject to a fire, police, or EMS tax levy only if the levy is imposed by the subdivision that provides the fire, police, or EMS service to the territory. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 413** **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Brinkman, T.)** To add to the purposes for which a board of township trustees may go into executive session, to permit a township to charge for recycling services, to reduce the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, to authorize a township to purchase, lease, or provide underwater rescue and recovery equipment for fire and rescue purposes, to authorize boards of township trustees to pay for group life insurance for any employee, to make other

changes to the township laws, to allow taxing units to use the proceeds of a fire, police, or emergency services tax levy to pay costs related to the service for which the tax is levied, and to expand the public infrastructure improvements townships, municipal corporations, and counties may pay for using money from their public improvement tax increment equivalent funds. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 455 **BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE** (Patterson, J., Roegner, K.) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 462 **POLICE DISTRICT** (Hagan, C., Sprague, R.) To establish a joint police district, to modify the membership of a joint police district governing body, to expand the offense of solicitation to also apply to a person who agrees with another to engage with the other person in sexual activity for hire, to provide that the "prescription exemption" from the drug possession offenses does not apply to a person who uses more of the drug than the maximum prescribed amount per day or the maximum amount to be used within the prescription timeline or who administers or takes the drug in a manner not prescribed by the prescribing health professional, and to provide immunity from civil liability to a peace officer who administers naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (**Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981**), Finance Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

HB 303 **DEED PROGRAM** (Dever, J., McColley, R.) To create the D.O.L.L.A.R. Deed Program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 229 **TRUST LAW** (Hambley, S., Bishoff, H.) To create the Ohio Family Trust Company Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 175 **TRUST COMPANY LAW** (Eklund, J.) To create the Ohio Family Trust Company Act. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

SB 226 **DEBT ADJUSTING** (Seitz, B.) Regarding debt adjusting. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (**Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474**), Rm. 119, 10 a.m.

Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (**Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082**), Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

SB 257 **REAL PROPERTY** (Seitz, B., Skindell, M.) To create a presumption of validity of recorded real property instruments, reduce the time period for curing certain defects related to those instruments, and provide constructive notice for those instruments. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 167 **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION** (Sweeney, M.) Regarding the term of a General Assembly member as a member of the Legislative Service Commission. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- SB 275** **PHOTO MONITORING** (Patton, T.) To prohibit a local authority from deriving more than 30 per cent of the total annual revenue of the local authority from the issuance of tickets for traffic law violations based on evidence recorded by traffic law photo-monitoring devices. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 26** **MILITARY BRATPIN** (Sears, B., Dovilla, M.) To express support for the Military BratPin. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 87** **DAY DESIGNATION** (Slesnick, S.) To designate October 7 as Moses Fleetwood Walker Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 31** **STATE ROCK SONG** (Grossman, C., Stinziano, M.) To designate "Hang on Sloopy," which includes the following lyrics, as the official state rock song: Hang on Sloopy, Sloopy hang on; Sloopy lives in a very bad part of town; All the girls I know they try to put my Sloopy down; Sloopy, I don't care what your daddy do; Don't you know little girl, I'm in love with you; Sloopy, let your hair down, let it down on me; Come on Sloopy let your hair down, Girl it down on me. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- Senate Insurance** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838**), **South Hearing Rm., 10:30 a.m.**
- SB 27** **FIREFIGHTER CANCER** (Patton, T.) To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 95** **DENTAL SERVICES** (DeVitis, T.) To prohibit a health insurer from establishing a fee schedule for dental providers that are not covered by any contract or participating provider agreement between the health insurer and the dental provider. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 207** **WORKERS COMPENSATION** (Henne, M., McColley, R.) To allow a state fund employer to have a workers' compensation claim that is likely to be subrogated by a third party paid from the surplus fund account in the state insurance fund rather than charged to the employer's experience (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- House Session** (**Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357**), **House Chamber, 11 a.m.**
Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (**Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584**), **Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.**
Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (**Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150**), **North Hearing Rm., 11:15 a.m.**
- HB 178** **WINE SALES** (Manning, N.) To establish the F-10 liquor permit to authorize certain A-2 permit holders to sell Ohio wines at farmers markets. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- HB 342** **WINERY PERMITS** (Young, R.) To create the Ohio Farm Winery Permit. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 37** **ALCOHOL POSSESSION** (**Duffey, M.**, **Stinziano, M.**) To allow a person to possess beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises of a market if the beer or intoxicating liquor has been purchased from a D liquor permit holder that is located in the market. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- HB 60** **COMPANION ANIMAL ABUSE** (**Hall, D.**, **Patmon, B.**) To revise provisions and penalties regarding treatment of companion animals, to revise the definition of "companion animal" in the Offenses Relating to Domestic Animals Law, and to provide a state collaborative effort to assist veterinarians in identifying clients who may use their animals to secure opioids for abuse. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 1 p.m.

- SB 264** **TAX HOLIDAY** (**Bacon, K.**) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2016 during which sales of back-to-school clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 130** **DATA OHIO BOARD** (**Hagan, C.**, **Duffey, M.**) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)
- HB 391** **FINANCIAL LITERACY** (**Terhar, L.**) To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati to operate for the 2016-2017 school year and to make an appropriation. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 483** **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** (**Amstutz, R.**) To modify programs administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m.

- HB 227** **COSMETOLOGY LAW** (**Roegner, K.**, **Reece, A.**) To make changes to the Cosmetology Licensing Law. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)
- HB 183** **STUDENT TRUSTEES** (**Antani, N.**, **Stinziano, M.**) To grant student members of the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- HB 444** **ALCOHOL SAMPLES** (**Blessing, L.**) To allow certain D liquor permit holders to provide free tasting samples of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor to a person who is 21 years old or older and a paying customer of the permit holder. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

House Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 122, 2 p.m. or after session

HB 172 CRIMINAL RECORDS (Barnes, J.) To enact the Fair and Accurate Reporting of Criminal Records Law, to require certain business entities that publish criminal record information to ensure that the information is complete and accurate, to provide a procedure by which a subject of published criminal record information may have incomplete or inaccurate information corrected or removed from the publication, and to provide remedies for the failure of a business entity to remove or correct incomplete or inaccurate information. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session

- **1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending introduction & referral of capital appropriations bill.**

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. McClain, J., 644-6265), Rm. 121, 3 p.m.

HB 404 SALES TAX REFUNDS (Schaffer, T.) To allow vendors to deduct or apply for a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit cards used to make purchases from the vendor. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 172 BULLION TAXES (Jordan, K.) To exempt from sales and use taxes the sale or use of investment metal bullion and coins. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 466 TAX EXEMPTION (Smith, R.) To specifically exempt digital advertising services from sales and use tax. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

HB 150 HOTEL INTERMEDIARIES (Grossman, C., Scherer, G.) To require hotel intermediaries to collect and remit applicable sales and use tax on the full amount paid for hotel lodging, to require hotel intermediaries to supply customers with itemized invoices, to specify that a hotel intermediary is presumed to have "substantial nexus" with Ohio if the intermediary arranges lodging at Ohio hotels, and to specify that hotels are not liable for the failure of a hotel intermediary to properly collect or remit applicable taxes. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

House Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.

HB 432 ESTATE LAW (Rezabek, J.) To revise the law governing decedent's estates by making changes in the Ohio Trust Code, the Probate Law, the Uniform Principal and Income Act, the Transfers to Minors Act, and the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 339 FOREIGN LAW (Young, R.) To prohibit courts, administrative agencies, and arbitrators from applying foreign law to the detriment of constitutional rights under the United States and Ohio constitutions. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

HB 268 HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Hall, D., Dever, J.) To expand the list of human trafficking-related convictions and delinquency adjudications that may be expunged, to increase the penalties for compelling prostitution and promoting

prostitution, and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

HB 362

STRANGULATION (Stinziano, M., Kunze, S.) To prohibit a person from knowingly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of another by strangulation. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

HB 38

PRISON TERMS (Patmon, B.) To create specifications that impose an additional prison term upon an offender who commits a felony offense against a disabled person or an elderly person and increase the period of commitment to the Department of Youth Services for committing an act that would be a felony offense against a disabled person or an elderly person if committed by an adult, for felony offenses that do not delineate enhanced penalties when a disabled person or an elderly person is the victim of the violation. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 451

PROTECTION ORDERS (Boose, T.) To provide that an individual's statutory priority to decide whether or not to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment for the individual's relative is forfeited if the individual is the subject of a temporary protection order or civil protection order and the relative is the alleged victim or if the individual and the relative are married and the parties to a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment proceeding. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m.

SB 84

FLAG DISPLAY (Coley, B.) To prohibit manufactured homes park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of Ohio flags and blue star banners, gold star banners, and other service flags, and to prohibit manufactured homes park operators and landlords from restricting the display of the United States flag. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 464

NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIPS (Terhar, L., Brinkman, T.) To specify that a National Guard scholarship recipient who fails to complete the recipient's term of enlistment in the National Guard due to enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment in the United States armed forces is not liable for repayment of the scholarship. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 388

OVI OFFENSES (Scherer, G.) To authorize a court to grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device to first-time OVI offenders, to expand the penalties related to ignition interlock device violations, to modify the law governing the installation and monitoring of ignition interlock devices, to extend the look back period for OVI and OVI-related offenses from six to ten years, and to modify the penalties for OVI offenses. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

- SB 123** **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (Hughes, J.)** To allow emergency personnel in public safety vehicles to report traffic law violations under certain circumstances. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- SCR 9** **IRAN AGREEMENT (Uecker, J.)** To urge the Congress of the United States to disapprove the Iranian nuclear agreement known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- Sunset Review Committee** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104**), South Hearing Rm., 3:30 p.m.
- **Reviews of Education Management Information System Advisory Board, English Language Arts Academic Standards Review Committee, Mathematics Academic Standards Review Committee, Science Academic Standards Review Committee, Social Studies Academic Standards Review Committee, Straight A Program Advisory Committee, Straight A Program Governing Board, Advisory Board to Assist and Advise in the Operation of the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence, Board of Voting Machines Examiners, Workers' Compensation Board of Directors Nominating Committee, Technical Advisory Committee to Assist Director of the Ohio Coal Development Office, Supervisory Investigative Panel of the State Dental Board, Barber Board**
- House Community & Family Advancement** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Derickson, T., 644-5094**), Rm. 114, 4 p.m.
- HB 298** **DRUG TESTING (Schaffer, T., Maag, R.)** To require applicants for unemployment benefits to submit to a drug test under certain circumstances, to require the director of Job & Family Services to operate an Ohio Works First drug testing pilot program and to make an appropriation. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 286** **MARRIAGE (Vitale, N.)** To provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not required to solemnize a marriage and a religious society is not required to allow any building or property of the religious society to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to the ordained or licensed minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs, to provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not subject to civil or criminal liability for such a denial, and to provide that the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold benefits to an ordained or licensed minister or religious society for such a denial. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- Senate Education** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538**), Finance Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.
- HB 299** **AUTISM SCHOLARSHIPS (Blessing, L., Rezabek, J.)** To permit the temporary, legal, or permanent custodian of a qualified child to apply for an Autism Scholarship. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 241 **EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS** (LaRose, F.) With regard to the employment of specified education professionals by city, exempted village, and local school districts. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 252 **CARDIAC ARREST** (Hite, C., Patton, T.) With regard to sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletic activities. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

Senate Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (**Chr. Balderson, T., 466-8076**), North Hearing Rm., 4 p.m. or after session

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Frederick Cash, Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission; James Kimmel and John Petkovsek, Environmental Education Council; Kerry Krugh and David Kimberly, Radiation Advisory Council and Craig Porter, Reclamation Commission**

SB 269 **WATER SYSTEMS** (Schiavoni, J.) To require a public water system to provide notice of lead contamination not later than thirty days after becoming aware that lead contamination may effect the system's drinking water, to require the Director of Environmental Protection to provide the notice if the public water system fails to provide it, to require employees of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide continuing assistance to a public water system that fails to provide the required notice of lead contamination, and to require the Director to adopt rules that increase the monitoring frequency for lead and copper under specified circumstances. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 118 **HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE SYSTEMS** (Eklund, J.) To authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted after January 1, 2014, by the Department of Health governing the design of household sewage treatment systems. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 185 **IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS** (Seitz, B.) To revise the law governing special improvement districts created for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for special energy improvement projects. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Agency Calendar

State Board of Education, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 8 a.m.

Air Quality Development Authority, 50 W. Broad St., Suite 1718, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Home Weatherization Assistance Program Policy Advisory Council, 77 South High Street, Room 1960, Columbus, 2 p.m.

Event Planner

Housing Ohio 2016 Conference, Sheraton Downtown Columbus, 75 E. State St., Columbus

Ohio Bankers League lobby day

Ohio Right to Life legislative day

Legislative leaders news conference on capital bill, Harding Senate Press Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

House Democrats news conference on bill to restrict local hiring options, PLAs (SB152), George Washington Williams Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

State leaders news conference on efforts to boost fight against prescription drug abuse, CompDrug Inc., 1420 Fields Ave., Columbus, 11:30 a.m.

Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Parlors A&B, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500; Individual attendee: \$350 to Friends of Kris Jordan)

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP Legislative Reception, 52 East Gay St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

Bowling Green State University Statehouse Falcons reception, Capital Club, 41 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (RSVP to batesdc@bgsu.edu)

Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Tally Ho Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Host \$2,500; Chair \$1,000; Sponsor \$500; Individual \$350 to Hackett for Ohio)

Sen. Larry Obhof (R-Medina) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Event Host \$2,500; Event Sponsor \$1,000; Individual \$500 to Citizens for Obhof)

Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, Chintz Room, 121 S. High Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Host - \$1000; Sponsor - \$750; Friend - \$500 to Friends of Sandra Williams)

Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Brunswick) and Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) fundraiser, Little Palace, 240 S. 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Hambley for House Committee and/or Romanchuk for State Rep)

Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy Township) fundraiser, Capital Club, Scarlet & Gray Room, 41 S. High Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Ron Young)

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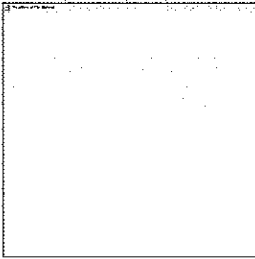
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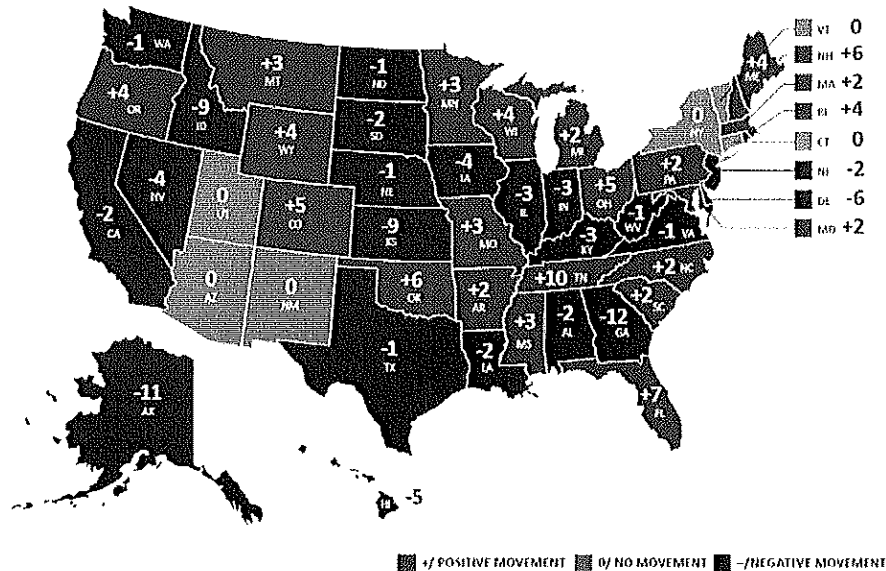
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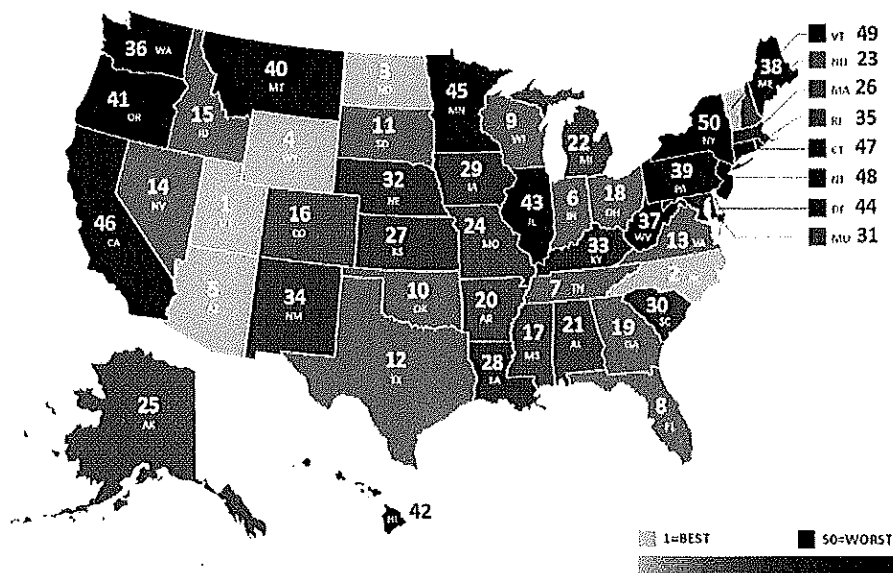


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The rankings prove that cutting and eliminating taxes, reducing spending, and enacting labor reforms are the keys to economic prosperity. Ohio has taken steps on the first two counts, which means that the good news is that Ohio no longer has a bottom five ranking in this index, a place it had languished far too long. The bad news is that Ohio can't afford complacency and desperately needs to join our neighboring states in reforming labor laws. Wisconsin, which reformed its collective bargaining laws for public employees and adopted Right to Work, moved into the top ten on the Rich States, Poor States index. Ohio needs real labor reform in order to continue its ascent and reach its economic potential.

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